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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Sniper trial: Prosecutors said Wednesday that the judge in the second death-penalty case of convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad should remove himself from the case because he improperly conducted his own investigation into a critical pretrial dispute.

The motion filed by Fairfax County, Va., prosecutors alleges that Judge Jonathan Thacher improperly interviewed witnesses and obtained documents that are central to a defense motion seeking to dismiss the case on the grounds that Muhammad's right to a speedy trial was violated.

Thacher delayed the start of the trial until next year.

N.J. governor: A federal judge in Trenton said he would rule within a week on a lawsuit requesting that New Jersey voters choose Gov. James E. McGreevey's interim replacement in a special election.

U.S. District Judge Garret E. Brown Jr. heard arguments Wednesday in the suit filed by two Princeton lawyers who contend that McGreevey essentially vacated his office when he announced Aug. 12 that he was gay, and said he had an extramarital affair with a man and intended to resign Nov. 15.

Lawyers for the state argued that McGreevey has not officially resigned because he hasn't submitted a letter of resignation.

Wrangling death: A teen whose life sentence in the beating death of a 6-year-old playmate was thrown out on appeal went before a judge Wednesday in Miami on charges he violated his probation by walking around late at night with a pocket knife.

Lionel Tate, now 17, had been the youngest child in modern U.S. history to be given a life sentence. When he was freed from prison in January, he was given a year of house arrest and 10 years probation.

If he is found to have violated his probation, the judge has discretion to put the teenager behind bars again for anywhere from a few days to life.

Gay marriage: Saying the state constitution broadly guarantees equality, a judge struck down Washington's ban on same-sex marriage and set the stage for an appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Thurston County Superior Court Judge Richard Hicks said the guarantees of equality are violated by the state's 1998 Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman and bars



Iraq debt relief: German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, left, shakes hands with Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer during a meeting in Berlin on Thursday. Al-Yawer is visiting Germany to discuss the reconstruction of Iraq.

same-sex civil marriage.

Shuttle flights: NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe said Wednesday the cost of fixing all the problems with the space shuttle fleet could top \$2.2 billion — double the estimated price tag given to Congress a year ago.

O'Keefe, testifying before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee in Washington, also said it was not clear whether damage to Kennedy Space Center from Hurricane Frances would result in a delay of the anticipated launch next spring of Discovery.

Water park lawsuit: The families of three children and an adult who drowned in a water park in Fort Worth, Texas, filed a lawsuit Wednesday, claiming the city and others ignored safety warnings about the swirling pool that sucked the victims to their deaths.

The lawsuit asks for more than \$1 million on each of 72 counts, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its online edition.

World

Kashmir violence: A surge of violence across Indian-controlled Kashmir, including a land mine attack and gunbattles, left at

least 13 people dead, police said Thursday.

Separatist rebels fired on paramilitary soldiers patrolling in forests after soldiers asked them to identify themselves, a police officer said on condition of anonymity in Jammu, the winter capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state.

A fierce gunbattle followed in which two soldiers and two rebels died, he said.

Bosnia mass graves: Forensic experts have exhumed 100 bodies from a single mass grave in northwestern Bosnia dating to the 1992-95 Bosnian war, an official said Thursday.

The grave likely contains more bodies, said Jasmin Odobasic, an official with the missing persons commission in the Muslim-Croat part of the country.

Asian bird flu: A man in Thailand has died of bird flu, the first human casualty in the country since the disease re-emerged in Asia in July, officials said Thursday in Bangkok.

The victim, who raised fighting cocks, was in the habit of sucking blood and other fluids from the mouth of his roosters when they were injured during fighting, the health ministry said.

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Accused vigilantes ask U.S. to intervene

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan—Lawyers for three Americans charged with torturing suspects in a private jail during a freelance hunt for terrorists in Afghanistan appealed Wednesday to the U.S. ambassador to help stop their trial.

The American attorneys also released a videotape showing one of the prisoners discussing a plot to kill Afghan ministers and saying he had a relative who worked for Osama bin Laden.

Jonathan Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett were arrested July 5 when Afghan forces stormed a house in the capital, Kabul, finding eight men who complained they had been tortured.

Idema, a former U.S. soldier and convicted forger, claims he was working in close cooperation with the U.S. Defense Department—something U.S. officials deny.

The men are being tried in Afghanistan and face up to 20 years in jail if convicted on charges that also include kidnapping.

Lawyers declined Wednesday to comment on what evidence they could present showing the defendants' tactical backing, in a possibly decisive court session expected on Sunday.

But they urged U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad to join them in asking for the charges to be dropped. They said the case was too complex for Afghan legal officials to handle.

Court sessions since July 21 have been chaotic because of sloppy procedures, inaccurate translation and constant interruption from the dock by Idema.

Robert Fogelnet, a New York-based attorney representing Caraballo, a TV journalist, said he and a lawyer for Idema had written to Khalilzad but received no response.

Idema has claimed that he was not on the trail of bin Laden, whose capture carries a \$50 million bounty, and other top terrorists. He says the FBI wanted him stopped because he was showing them up.

In the videotape, a man who identified himself as Ghulam Saki says his brother-in-law was sent by the Taliban to work at the al-Qaida leader's militant training camps.

According to the lawyers, the brother-in-law became bin Laden's security chief.

It is unclear what period relations was detained in June, was talking about.

Lawyers already played a tape in court showing Saki describing how he was paid to commit acts of terrorism. Saki, who was seated in the courtroom, told reporters his confession was false and that he'd been tortured.

Forces also enter Samarra to help its City Council

BY DANIELA KIRKA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD—U.S. troops and their Iraqi allies launched crack-downs Thursday against anti-government forces in widely separated parts of the country, sending warplanes against insurgent strongholds in two cities and restoring Iraqi state control in a third.

Dozens were reported killed in the two city attacks.

In another show of force, Iraqi soldiers raided the Najaf office of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to search for weapons.

None was found, but the search marked the first time Iraqi forces had entered al-Sadr's office since an agreement last month ended weeks of heavy fighting in the Shiite holy city.

American warplanes hammered Tal Afar, a northern city near the border with Syria that lies on smuggling routes for weapons and foreign fighters. The operations are intended to return the city 30 miles west of Mosul to interim Iraqi government control, the military said.

The U.S. military said 57 insurgents were killed in the attack.

Nineveh province health chief Dr. Rabie Yassin said 27 civilians died and 70 were wounded. It was unclear whether any of these were reported by the Iraqis as civilians were counted as insurgents by the Americans.

In Fallujah, American warplanes fired missiles on a building suspected of housing associates of Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. It was the third straight day of airstrikes in the Sunni extremist stronghold.

At least nine people were killed, including two children,



An Iraqi soldier guards the road near radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's office Thursday in Najaf, Iraq. Iraqi security forces' search for weapons at al-Sadr's office left them empty-handed.

said Dr. Ahmad Thabit of the Fallujah General Hospital.

Elsewhere, American and Iraqi forces entered the central city of Samarra for the first time in months to try to reset the City Council and regain control.

Local leaders in the Salahuddin province, of which Samarra is the provincial capital, and the U.S. 1st Infantry Division have taken necessary steps to return the city to normal, said Maj. Neal

O'Brian, a spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division.

The troops that entered the city will have joint traffic control points in the city and will also open the Samarra Bridge, the statement said.

U.S. officials agreed to go into the city after meeting with council members and other officials Wednesday in Tikrit, said Taha al-Hendairi, the head of Samarra's city council.

Despite the formal end of the U.S. occupation on June 28, the interim Iraqi government lost control over key Sunni Muslim cities such as Samarra as well as Fallujah and Ramadi, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, acknowledged that it could be months before U.S. and Iraqi authorities are prepared to take those cities back.

Maj. Gen. John Batiste, who leads the 1st ID, said he had offered a deal to insurgents under which they would be free to leave Samarra or to remain inside as long as they stopped fighting. It was unclear Thursday whether the insurgents had actually accepted any kind of proposal.

Military intelligence officials said they believe a hundred or so guerrillas, including some 40 foragers—Saudis, Yemenis, Sudanese and Jordanians—were the biggest obstacle to Batiste's initiative.

Elsewhere, dozens of Iraqi security forces officers raided al-Sadr's office, said one Iraqi police officer, who identified himself only as Maj. Yasser. He said no weapons were found but that ammunition and mortars were confiscated from nearby houses.

"We received orders from the Iraqi government to search al-Sadr's office and the area around it. The inspection went on without problems and people who were in the office, including its director, Sheikh Ali Smeisim, coordinated with us," Yasser said.

The search is a sign Iraqi security forces are trying to further consolidate their grip on the area around the Imam Ali Shrine compound, once under the control of al-Sadr, and his followers. It also indicates the cleric and his group may be unwilling to create tensions that might threaten the existing peace deal.

Also Thursday, U.S. warplanes detonated roadside bombs in a sprawling Shiite slum in eastern Baghdad, a U.S. military official said. At least one person was killed and four injured in the strikes, officials at al-Sadr General Hospital said.

Iraqi death toll in tens of thousands

BY BASSEM MROUE
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD—While American mourns the deaths of more than 1,000 of its sons and daughters in the Iraq campaign, far more Iraqis have died since the United States invaded in March 2003. No official, reliable figures exist, but private estimates range from 10,000 to 30,000 Iraqis.

At Sheikh Omar Clinic, a big book records 10,363 violent deaths in Baghdad and nearby towns alone since the war began last year—deaths caused by car bombs, clashes between Iraqis and coalition forces, mortar attacks, revenge killings and robberies.

The violent deaths recorded in the clinic's ledger come from only one of Iraq's 18 provinces and do not cover people who died in such flashpoint cities as Najaf, Karbala, Fallujah, Tikrit and Ramadi.

Iraqi dead include not only insurgents, police and soldiers but also civilians caught in crossfire, blown apart by explosives or shot by mistake—both by fellow Iraqis or by American servicemen and their multinational allies. And they include the victims of crimes that have surged in the instability that followed the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Adding to the complexity of sorting out what has happened, the records that have been kept don't al-

ways say whether a death came in a combat situation or from some other cause.

The prospect of violent death is the latest burden for a people who suffered through decades of war and a brutal dictatorship under Saddam, whose regime has been accused by human rights groups of killing as many as 300,000 Iraqis it deemed enemies.

"During Saddam's days, killings were silent. Now the killing is done openly and loudly," said Ghali Karim Hassan, who lost his 31-year-old son, Ghaidan, in April.

He said Ghaidan was killed in Najaf when a demonstration called by radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr led to a gunbattle with coalition troops, mainly Spaniards and Salvadorans.

U.S. officials said they didn't have the resources to track civilian deaths during the U.S.-led occupation, which ended officially June 28. Iraq's central authorities also haven't reported comprehensive figures on civilian deaths.

Iraq Body Count, a private group that bases its figures in part on reports by 40 media outlets, puts the number of civilian deaths since the conflict began at between 11,793 and 13,802.

Hazem al-Radini at the Human Rights Organization in Iraq said his group estimates the toll at more than 30,000 civilian deaths.

2nd BCT suffers first combat death

The 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team suffered its first combat death in Iraq earlier this week, the Department of Defense confirmed Thursday.

According to a Pentagon news release, Staff Sgt. Gary A. Vailant, of the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor, was killed Sunday when his tank ran over an anti-tank mine. The incident occurred near Khaldiya, the release said.

Vailant, 41, was a native of Trujillo, Puerto Rico. A family memorial is planned in his hometown, officials said; there was no word Thursday on whether a memorial service would be held by the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea.

Some 3,600 members of the South Korea-based 2nd Brigade are on a one-year deployment to Iraq.

From staff reports

Drowning charges dropped against GI

BY ROBERT WELLER

The Associated Press

DENVER — Military officials on Tuesday dropped criminal charges against a soldier accused of forcing an Iraqi civilian to jump to his death from a bridge over the Tigris River.

Sgt. Reggie Martinez, 24, was initially charged with involuntary manslaughter in the Jan. 3 drowning death of 19-year-old Zaidoun Hassoun near Samarra.

Martinez received a nonjudicial judgment in the case, meaning he will not face criminal proceedings or jail time.

A similar judgment was given to another soldier, Spc. Terry Bowman, 21, who was accused of assault for allegedly forcing a second man into the river. That man survived.

Details of the judgments were not disclosed, Army officials said.

Involuntary manslaughter charges are still pending against a third enlisted soldier, 1st Sgt. Tracy Perkins, 33.

The three men from Fort Carson's 8th Brigade Combat Team admitted forcing two Iraqi law-breakers to jump in the river, though they said both men made it safely to shore.

Also Tuesday, their commanding officer waived his right to a hearing to determine whether he will be court-martialed.

First Lt. Jack Saville was charged with involuntary manslaughter and attempting to cover up a death. He also faces an aggravated assault charge from a separate incident in December. Saville's attorney did not return calls seeking comment.

Defense attorneys have disputed the circumstances of Hassoun's death after he and his cousin were picked up for being out after curfew. They said investigators bungled the case by not exhuming the body and doing an autopsy.

Investigators acknowledged they never saw the body, saying they relied on the word of relatives and a video made by Zaidoun's Hassoun family that shows a corpse in a coffin.

Retired brass urge new prison abuse study

BY PAULINE JELINEK

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is under increasing fire for its handling of the prison abuse investigation, as some retired military officers call for an independent commission to get to the bottom of the four-month-old scandal.

Their appeal came a day before Thursday's hearings by the Senate and House armed services committees reviewing the two latest reports ordered by the Defense Department.

"We cannot ignore that there are now dozens of well-documented allegations of torture, abuse and otherwise questionable detention practices" eight former generals and admirals said Wednesday at prisons in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In-house Pentagon probes don't require sworn testimony, don't have subpoena power and are examples of the military trying to police itself, the officers said in a letter to President Bush.

Most of the officers had backgrounds in military law.

The Pentagon says a probe headed by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger was independent, but its members were appointed by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who has been criticized in the scandal.

An Army investigation headed by Maj. Gen. George Fay concentrated on which military intelligence officers at Abu Ghraib prison in

Iraq could be charged with crimes under military law. But Fay's group also said the Army's top commanders in Iraq shared some blame for management failures.

The Schlesinger report looked at Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay as well as Iraq and at military police, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Rumsfeld as well as intelligence officers in Iraq. It concluded that while lower ranking soldiers might be charged, some blame could go to the highest levels of the Pentagon for inadequate supervision and failure to adapt to developments.

A Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee said Wednesday that months of piecemeal military investigations have left officials and the public without a full idea of exactly what happened and who is responsible.

"It's about time we had an investigation that is complete and answers all the questions," Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island said in telephone conference with several reporters.

The scandal created international revulsion four months ago with disclosure of photographs showing troops threatening prisoners at Abu Ghraib with dogs, posing them in sexual positions and keeping detainees naked and hooded.

Though defense officials said the photos portrayed the actions of a few bad apples, the controversy has grown to include probes of some 300 allegations of detainee deaths, torture or other mistreatment, some during interrogations to gather intelligence.

Abuses occurred as long as nearly two years ago — among prisoners taken in the campaign to rout al-Qaida from Afghanistan.

Critics say fault may ultimately rest with White House and Pentagon leaders for creating confusion when they decided in early 2002 that terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay did not fall under Geneva Conventions and then sought to redefine longtime rules of detention, interrogation and trials to suit the counterterrorism war.

Reed decried what he called "the corrosive effect of ignoring laws and regulations."

"After a while, the rules are anybody's guess," he said.

The retired military leaders who wrote to Bush were Ret. Army Gen. John D. Hutson, Navy Judge Advocate General from 1997 to 2000, Brig. Gen. David M. Brahms, Marine Corps senior legal adviser from 1983 to 1988, Brig. Gen. James Cullen, former chief judge of the Army Court of Criminal Appeals; Maj. Gen. John L. Fugh, former judge advocate general of the Army; Lt. Gen. Robert Gard, currently a consultant in international security; Vice Adm. Lee F. Gumm, Inspector General of the Department of the Navy until his retirement in August 2000; Gen. Joseph Hoar, a former commander of U.S. Central Command; Brig. Gen. Richard Omeara, who served in the Army's Judge Advocate General Corps.

Hoar is part of a group of retired diplomats and military officers who has said Bush should be voted out of office because his policies damaged U.S. national security interests and America's standing in the world. Gumm is among 12 retired generals and admirals who have endorsed Bush's Democratic rival John Kerry.

Hearing delayed for GI held in slaying of Iraqi driver

The Associated Press

HANAU, Germany — A hearing of a U.S. soldier charged with murdering a driver for militant Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in Iraq was put off Thursday after the court failed to establish a video link with witnesses in the United States.

The testimony in the case of tank company commander Capt. Rogelio Maynulet now is to be heard Friday, part of an investigation to determine whether he should be court-martialed, hearing officer Maj. Michael J. Fadden said.

The witnesses are based at the U.S. Army's Fort Polk in Louisiana. Fadden also extended hearings

by a day until Monday after the defense said it had more witnesses to call. The latest sessions were originally scheduled to end Friday.

Maynulet, of Chicago, is accused of murder and dereliction of duty in the killing of the Iraqi on May 21. He denies the charges.

On Wednesday, a fellow officer testified that Maynulet told him he shot the driver out of pity because the man was critically injured in action and could not have been saved.

At the Article 32 hearing, the military version of a grand jury investigation, prosecutors are trying to prove to Fadden that there are "reasonable grounds" to send the case to a court-martial.



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National Guard memo: Bush refuse order

BY PETE YOST

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Addressing questions that have lingered for years, newly unearthed memos state that George W. Bush failed to meet standards of the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam war, that he refused a direct order and that his superiors were in a state of turmoil over how to evaluate his performance after he was suspended from flying.

One military official "is pushing to sugarcoat it," one memo says of a proposed evaluation of Bush.

"On this date I ordered that 1st Lt. Bush be suspended from flight status due to failure to perform to USAF/TexANG standards and failure to meet annual physical examination ... as ordered," says an Aug. 1, 1972 memo by a superior officer, Lt. Col. Jerry Killian, who is now dead. Killian said in the memo that he wanted a formal inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the flight suspension. No records have surfaced that one was ever conducted.

"I conveyed my verbal orders to commander," Killian's memo stated.

The same memo notes that Bush was trying to transfer to non-flying status out of state and recommends that the Texas unit fill his flying slot "with a more seasoned



AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN/AP

George W. Bush sits in an F102 fighter jet while serving in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War. Newly uncovered records have raised more questions regarding Bush's military service.

pilot from the list of qualified Vietnam pilots that have rotated."

The Vietnam-era documents add details to the bare-bones explanation of Bush's aides over the years that he was suspended simply because he decided to skip his flight physical.

The White House said in February that it had released all records of Bush's service, but one of Killian's memos stated it was "for record" and another directing Bush to take the physical exam stated that it was "for 1st Lt. George W. Bush."

"I can't explain why that wouldn't be in his record, but they were found in Jerry Killian's personal records," White House communications director Dan Bartlett told CBS's "60 Minutes II," which first obtained the memos.

Bartlett said Bush's superiors granted permission for him to train in Alabama in a non-flying status and that "many of the documents you have here affirm just that."

A memo dated May 19, 1972, five days after Bush was suspended to have completed his phys-

ical, summarizes a telephone discussion with Bush about how he "can get out of coming to drill from now through November." It says Bush was "told he could do ET for three months or transfer." ET referred to equivalent training, a procedure for meeting training requirements without attending regularly scheduled drills.

The same memo says "we talked about him getting his flight physical situation fixed" and quotes Bush as saying he would "do that in Alabama if he stays in a flight status." It also says, "I advised him of our investment in him and his commitment."

Democratic Party chairman Terry McAuliffe said, "George W. Bush's cover story on his National Guard service is rapidly unraveling ... George W. Bush needs to answer why he regularly misled the American people about his time in the Guard and who applied political pressure on his behalf to have his performance reviews 'sugarcoated'."

Bartlett told CBS, "As it says in your own documents, President Bush talked to the commanders about the fact that he'd be transferring to a unit ... in Alabama that didn't fly that plane." The F-102, the type Bush was trained in, was used only for training.

Using only last names, one of the newly disclosed documents points to sharp disagreement among Bush's superiors in Texas

over how to evaluate his performance for the period from mid-1972 through mid-1973.

"Staudt has obviously pressured Hodges more about Bush," Killian wrote on Aug. 18, 1973. "I'm having trouble running interference and doing my job — Harris gave me a message today from Grp regarding Bush's OETR and Staudt is pushing to sugar coat it. Bush wasn't here during rating period and I don't have any comments from 187th in Alabama. I will not rate."

Grp refers to a military unit and OETR stands for officer efficiency training report.

The memo concludes: "Harris took the call from Grp today. I'll post-date but won't rate. Harris agrees."

At the time, Walter B. Staudt was commander of the Texas National Guard; Lt. Col. Bobby Hodges was one of Bush's superiors in Texas who two years earlier had rated Bush an outstanding young pilot; and Lt. Col. William D. Harris Jr. was another superior of Bush's.

Asked about Killian's statement in a memo about the military's investment in Bush, Bartlett told CBS: "For anybody to try to interpret or produce anything that somebody who is now dead was thinking in any of these memos, I think is very difficult to do."

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Victims of sniper shootings settle with gun maker, dealer

BY REBECCA COOK

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Victims of the Washington, D.C.-area sniper shootings and their families have settled claims against the maker of the gun used in the spree and its dealer for \$2.5 million, an agreement the plaintiffs' lawyer said would change practices in the firearms industry.

Bushmaster Firearms of Windham, Maine, agreed to pay \$550,000 to eight plaintiffs. Bull's Eye Shooter Supply of Tacoma, the gun dealer where the snipers' Bushmaster rifle came from, agreed to pay \$2 million.

The settlement with Bushmaster marks the first time a gun manufacturer has agreed to pay damages to settle claims of negligent distribution of weapons, said Jon Lowy, a lawyer with the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Lowy, who helped argue the case, also said the settlement with Bull's Eye Shooter Supply is the largest against a gun dealer.

"These settlements send a loud and clear message that the gun industry cannot turn a blind eye to how criminals get their guns," Lowy said.

Kelly Corr, the attorney representing Bushmaster, said the company made "no admission of liability whatsoever" and that the settlement was an economic decision.

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Bush says Kerry tax-cut plan will hurt economy

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BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

COLMAR, Pa. — President Bush wooed suburban swing voters Thursday with hopeful words about the economy, contending his administration is making progress for American workers and portraying rival John Kerry as a tax-and-spend Democrat.

"America will reject the hidden Kerry tax plan," Bush said during a speech at a Christmas figurine factory. "Raising taxes will be bad for our economy. Raising taxes will be bad for the small-business sector of America."

Kerry has proposed rolling back tax cuts only for those earning more than \$200,000 a year, or about 2 percent of taxpayers, and has rejected claims by Bush that middle-class taxpayers would see a rise in taxes under Kerry's economic plan.

Bush appeared at Byers' Choice, a company Robert at Joyce Byers started in their kitchen in the late 1970s, to target suburban swing voters in two counties near Philadelphia that Democrat Al Gore captured in 2000.

At the same time, Kerry's campaign was running new TV ads tailored to Philadelphia and Johnstown, Pa., accusing Bush of breaking his promises to strength-



President Bush addresses a crowd of supporters at Byers Choice in Colmar, Pa., on Thursday. Bush's speech focused on the economy.

en Medicare and curb rising health care costs.

Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said Kerry would cut taxes for 99 percent of all businesses and contended that Bush had made "wrong choices" that turned record surpluses into record deficits.

Bush lost Pennsylvania to Gore in 2000 by a 4.2 percentage points.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll released Wednesday showed a tight race in the state, with 48 percent support for Bush and 47 percent for his Democratic challenger.

In Colmar, Bush reiterated economic themes he laid out in his acceptance speech at the Republican convention, saying that he believes the appropriate role of the federal government is to help people improve their own lives by creating more opportunities for ownership.

Kerry has argued that Bush's policies benefit only the wealthy and squeeze the middle class. The Democrat also says Bush's program has not produced a significant number of jobs and has burdened the federal deficit.

Bush was following his visit to the Philadelphia area with a campaign rally in Johnstown.

Bush's opening remarks in Colmar were disturbed by the shouts of a handful of hecklers, all of whom were forcibly removed from the event, one pulled out by her hair. Two of the demonstrators held signs that appeared to call for more money for AIDS.

Bush smiled tightly as the protests erupted and pointed at the second demonstrator. His supporters roared, "Four more years!"

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry is greeted by supporters Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kerry tackles health care

BY MARY DALRYMPLE
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said Thursday that President Bush has failed to hold down increasing health care costs during his four years in office, citing a new report that showed a double-digit increase in insurance premiums for the fourth year in a row.

"Health care just has this unlimited ability to keep going up every year, and people can't keep up with it. President Bush for four years has had an opportunity to try to deal with this, and he has not plan at all," Kerry said.

"In fact, he's been busy losing people's coverage."

Kerry also pointed to a record increase in Medicare premiums while he talked about health care with several hundred voters at a medical center in Iowa. Democrat Al Gore captured the state's electoral vote in 2000 by less than 5,000 votes.

Robert Blendon, a health policy expert at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Gov-

ernment, said polls show that Iowa's relatively older population ranks health care higher in importance this election year than many other states.

"In Iowa, this will be important," Blendon said. The nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation reported that employer-sponsored family health care premiums grew 11.2 percent for the year ending last spring. That was the fourth straight year of double-digit increases, though it was down from the 13.9 percent of the previous year.

At the same time, the percentage of workers receiving health care from their employers fell from 65 percent in 2001 to 61 percent in 2004.

Kerry says he wants to help more businesses offer health care by requiring to the federal government pick up 75 percent of catastrophic health care costs, a plan the campaign estimates will lower premiums 10 percent on average.

He would give small businesses a tax credit to help employers bear the rising cost of health insurance.

Hurricanes could affect November vote

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Two devastating hurricanes have given President Bush something his political advisers could dream up: the chance to play comforter in chief in a battleground state he is determined to win again.

Both Bush and Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry deny any attempt to play politics with the devastating storms that struck Florida. But if there's any advantage to be had, it probably goes to the president.

Both candidates postponed Florida campaign appearances because of Hurricane Frances, but Bush was able to use the power of incumbency to fly in, survey the damage and reassure storm-battered residents.

Bush made his third trip to Florida in 3 1/2 weeks on Wednesday. He helped distribute packs of bottled water, bags of ice, food and brought \$2 billion in fresh emergency assistance. Images of Bush hoisting supplies into a line of idling cars and urging residents to "Hang in there," were shown repeatedly on local television news.

After Charley hit last month, Bush rode through ravaged downtown Punta Gorda by motorcade, stopping to talk to residents. One victim who lost her bakery and whose home was severely damaged quipped that, "It would have been nice if he put on a pair of gloves and helped us."

Kerry visited a week after Charley, though all he

could offer were hugs and conversation. He issued a statement after Frances expressing concern for residents and encouraging the public to support relief agency efforts.

Bush's campaign and state Republican leaders are being careful not to link any role Bush plays in the recovery to his re-election, saying they are not asking for nor receiving his schedule for post-hurricane trips, nor interfering in any way.

"It's hard to gauge what, if any, advantage a president would have in coming to Florida to deal with hurricane relief efforts. That being said, I think it's important that Floridians see action rather than words," said Joseph Agostini, spokesman for the state Republican Party. "If this results in political gain, then so be it, but that is not the focus of the relief efforts."

Florida decided the contested 2000 election in Bush's favor by 537 votes, and the president is campaigning hard to win here again by a larger margin. Both candidates want 27 electoral votes, the fourth-biggest prize on the road to the 270 votes needed to win the White House. The visit Wednesday was Bush's 27th as president.

Likewise, Kerry's campaign is saying little about the storms and politics. He has made eight visits this year.

"Now is not a time where we want to speculate about politics or political impacts," said Kerry campaign spokesman Matthew Miller.

"The entire state is focused on recovery and that's appropriate."

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Keys told to evacuate as Florida readies for Ivan

Latest storm could arrive as early as Sunday night

BY ADRIAN SAINZ
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Tourists and residents were told Thursday they will have to leave the Florida Keys to avoid mighty Hurricane Ivan, even as Floridians still struggled with the destruction and misery left by Hurricanes Frances and Charley.

Forecasters said Ivan — which strengthened early Thursday to 160 mph — could reach the island chain as early as Sunday, making it the third hurricane to hit Florida in a month. The last time three hurricanes hit Florida in single season was 1964, when Cleo, Dora and Isabel hit the state.

Charley struck southwest Florida on Aug. 13 with winds of 145 mph, causing an estimated \$6.8 billion in damage and 27 deaths.

Frances hit the state's eastern coast early Sunday with 105-mph winds, leaving \$2 billion to \$4 billion in insured damage and at least \$2 billion in the state. An electric worker died Thursday cleaning up Frances debris.

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said "people are at wits end" but officials and residents have no choice but to prepare for a third.

"There is no other option other than to work hard, to prepare and to develop the logistical plans that are already frayed," Bush said.

Should Ivan strike Florida, it would be the first time since 1950 that two major hurricanes — ones with top sustained winds of at least 111 mph — hit Florida so close together.

Jim Lushine, warning coordination meteorologist with National Weather Service in Miami, said Ivan could make history.

"We could have three of the most intense storms to ever hit Florida in one season that we know about, anyway," Lushine said.

Ivan already has killed at least 16 people as it tears through the Caribbean, the most powerful hurricane to hit there in a decade. Ninety percent of the homes in Grenada were damaged, looting

enforced and a prison was destroyed, leaving criminals on the loose.

At 11 a.m., Ivan's center was about 430 miles east-southeast of Kingston, Jamaica, or about 980 miles southeast of Miami. It had top sustained winds of 160 mph.

National Hurricane Center forecasters predict that Ivan could hit the Florida Keys as a Category 4 hurricane, with winds of 131 to 155 mph, late Sunday or early Monday.

A single highway links the low-lying islands with mainland Florida. The last time everyone on the Keys were told to evacuate was in 2001 for Hurricane Michelle, a 135-mph storm that wound up missing a direct hit on the chain. Officials estimated that only 15 percent of Keys residents left then.

"I don't think that people will think twice when we tell them it's a Four heading right at us. I think they will be pretty responsive," Monroe County emergency manager Irene Toner said.

9/11 panel: TSA needs to cover more ground

BY LESLIE MILLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Terrorists blow up subways, trucks and ships as well as airplanes, but the Transportation Security Administration doesn't have a plan yet to defend all forms of transportation from attacks.

In a 20-page addition to the report it issued in July, the independent commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks said most of the TSA's resources have been devoted to protecting aviation.

Other transportation modes are at risk and have significant vulnerabilities, said the report, which was made available on Wednesday.

The commission recommended that the Homeland Security Department and the TSA, one of its agencies, come up with a final plan by Feb. 1 to protect passengers, equipment and facilities.

President Bush on Wednesday told congressional leaders that, "We've got to do everything we can to protect the homeland."

The 11 commission addendum showed how much needs to be done just to protect transportation. Its 94 recommendations — expanded from the handful included in the July re-

port — include developing recovery plans to restart key transportation systems after a terrorist attack, checking travelers' names against terrorist watch lists before they board passenger trains or cruise ships, and setting priorities based on risk assessments.

Oregon Rep. Peter DeFazio, the ranking Democrat on the House aviation subcommittee who made the report available, said the government has done only about 10 percent of what it needs to be doing to protect transportation.

"No one could look at this and say we've done everything we can do, or are in the process of doing everything we can do, to make the country safe," he said.

Brian Jenkins, counterterrorism analyst for the RAND Corporation, said tough decisions have to be made about the most important targets to protect because resources are limited.

"Do you spend lots of money on terminals, shopping malls, train stations, bus depots?" Jenkins said. "None of these decisions are easy."

Jenkins said the country's two biggest transportation vulnerabilities are mass transit and ports.

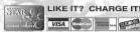
"There's limited things we can do" to protect them, he said. "We're going to have to live with some of the risk."



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Poll: 3 years after Sept. 11, fear runs deep

BY WILL LESTER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans today are as fearful of becoming victims of terrorism as they are of losing their jobs or having their homes burglarized.

Almost all of the people questioned in an Associated Press poll say they remember what they were doing when they learned about the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon — and seven in 10 say those memories are among their most vivid.

In a measure of the trauma of Sept. 11, the AP-Ipsos poll found that 98 percent remember exactly what they were doing three years ago when hijackers flew jetliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing almost 3,000.

Those memories can resurface with the most routine cues — a plane flying overhead, a siren from a passing ambulance or news about the ongoing war in Iraq.

"I hardly go to Manhattan any more," said Andre Garcia, a 20-year-old student from the Bronx borough of New York City. "I don't call it a fear, I call it 'me being safe.' I don't want to be over there when it happens."

Dawn Davis, a 40-year-old working mother in rural Arkansas, remembers hearing about the attacks that day, turning on the television and staying glued to the set for the rest of the day, watching the Twin Towers collapse, people falling to their deaths, pedestrians fleeing in the streets.

"I just stayed on the couch, crying all day," she said. Now when she hears a plane go overhead, she

sometimes thinks, "It could be a plane ready to bomb where we live."

For most, the dominant feeling about that day was deep anger that anyone would commit such an act against this country, the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs found. Republicans and Democrats were equally likely to say they felt that way.

Juan Jose Torres, a 32-year-old eighth-grade teacher from Laredo, Texas, says that after the attacks his students overwhelmed him with questions he couldn't answer.

"I had to admit I didn't know what was going on," Torres said. "I just freaked out."

"The memory pops up from time to time," he said. "If I hear a siren, the first thing I think of is 9/11. If somebody screams, I think about 9/11."

Women were more likely than men to worry about being victimized by terrorists, but they were also more likely to worry about other things such as a burglary or having a car accident.

Heather Rojo, a 28-year-old wife and mother from Pierre, S.D., says she feels insulted from terrorism now, after feeling threatened when she and her husband lived in Orange County, Calif.

"The times the worry pops up with me is when we fly a couple of times a year," she said. "I actually have chosen to drive instead of flying."

When people are asked who they blame for the terrorist attacks, they are most likely to name the terrorists themselves, but seven in 10 said they think the CIA deserves some blame. Almost that many fault the FBI and airline security.

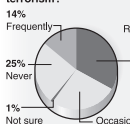


People react as they look down New York's Fifth Avenue toward the World Trade Center after planes crashed into the towers on Sept. 11, 2001. Seven in 10 of Americans polled say memories of that day are among their most vivid.

Memories of Sept. 11 persist

The events of Sept. 11, 2001, are etched in the minds of an overwhelming majority of people polled, and many worry about being victimized by terrorism.

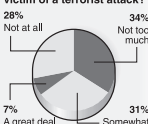
How often do you worry about becoming a victim of terrorism?



Do you remember where you were and what you were doing when you first learned of terrorist attacks?

Yes 98% No 2%

How concerned are you that your family might become a victim of a terrorist attack?



How much of the blame do you think each of the following deserves for the Sept. 11 attacks?

Alot Some A little None Not sure

Terrorists				
CIA	26	44	15	13
Airline security	25	44	16	14
FBI	20	44	18	16
Congress	13	39	21	26
Pres. Bush	22	29	17	31
Pres. Clinton	14	35	19	31

NOTE: Poll taken between Aug. 27-29; 1,000 adults; margin of error ±3.1

SOURCE: Ipsos-Public Affairs for AP

Experts warn 9/11 health woes could take years to detect fully

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A patchwork of post-Sept. 11 health screening programs will not detect increases in more serious, long-term illnesses like cancer, experts told Congress Wednesday.

Doctors and government investigators told a House subcommittee it could take decades to detect all the health woes stemming from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack and subsequent cleanup around New York's World Trade Center.

The two most common conditions found so far are lung damage and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The government is currently funding six separate health screening programs to monitor those who came into contact with dust from ground zero in New York. Each program is run separately; none are funded beyond 2009.

Dr. Stephen Levin, who heads Mount Sinai Medical Center's Sept. 11 health screening program, said that time frame would not catch any cancers caused as a result of exposure.

"In this witches' brew of airborne materials found at and near ground zero were a number of carcinogens, including asbestos and the ... cancer-causing chemicals in tobacco smoke," said Levin.

The doctor said about half of the first responders reporting symptoms 10 months after the attacks suffered from at least one lung problem, like wheezing, cough, or shortness of breath. An equally high rate were still showing signs of psychological distress, Levin said.



Firefighters work through the rubble of the World Trade Center after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Experts say the air at the site contained a number of carcinogens that could cause health problems for emergency responders and others at the scene for years to come.

Remains ID job to wind down

The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A company whose software is credited with helping to identify many of the Sept. 11 victims is scaling down its efforts nearly three years after the terrorist attacks.

Work to identify the remains of the people who died that day will continue as science advances, but the New York chief medical examiner's office will soon notify the families of the dead that it has done virtually everything it knows how to do with current technology.

It was the software created at

Gene Codes that made most of the 1,571 successful World Trade Center victim identifications possible by reducing data-crunching time from as long as two weeks to five minutes.

Two years ago, the remains from 1,402 victims had been identified. DNA testing yielded most of the ID matches, because the bodies had been so badly burned and pulverized that dental records and other methods were fruitless.

The ID process has gotten increasingly tougher since then, yielding 169 more matches as investigators tried new techniques to extract DNA from tiny samples.

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DOD shares blame in financial scams

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon shares the blame for companies swindling servicemembers, two lawmakers said Thursday during a congressional hearing on a bill aimed at banning the sale of certain types of mutual funds and life insurance on military bases.

"The [Department of Defense] needs to be called on the carpet for this," said Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite, R-Fla. "Why are they not abiding by their own rule, that being 1344.7? What I think they're doing is a link-and-a-rod approach to this, and that's just wrong. The DOD let them down by letting [service members] be captive audiences. ... The DOD has a lot of answering to do. It's absolutely shameful."

The cited regulation states, in part, that solicitors are permitted to pitch products so long as they are licensed and are allowed on bases by installation commanders.

Commanders are prohibited from "solicitation of recruits, trainees, and transient personnel in a 'mass' or 'captive' audience, making appointments with or soliciting military personnel who are in an 'on-duty' status, [and] soliciting without appointment in areas utilized for the housing or processing of transient personnel."

Some companies hire military retirees who then pass themselves off as financial advisers — as opposed to salespeople — and convince young members to buy services they can't afford, don't need or offer such little value for the high premiums that they no longer are sold on the commercial market, witnesses and lawmakers said.

nel, in barracks areas used as quarters, in unit areas, in family quarters areas, and in areas provided by installation commanders for interviews by appointment."

These provisions are regularly violated, Brown-Waite said.

The DOD could not provide comment by press time.

Army Spc. Brandon Conger, 20, testified that he lost \$2,000 when he invested in a mutual fund through American Amicable Life Insurance of Texas.

In his third week of basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., Conger said his drill sergeants assembled his platoon to meet with "financial advisers" and those drill sergeants even encouraged the young soldiers to make "the good investment" and that they'd "make lots of money," he said.

"The experience was a disappointing ordeal for me and my fellow soldiers. Not because I lost money, but because of the misrepresentation of a former soldier who used his contact to gain the trust of young soldiers," said Conger, now with 2nd Battalion, 325th Aviation Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division.

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The Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises of

the House Financial Services Committee held a hearing Thursday to address a bill introduced by Rep. Max Baucus, R-Ga., that would ban the sale of questionable financial products such as life insurance and mutual funds on military bases, both in the United States and overseas.

Beyond laying blame on the insurance companies, which lawmakers and witnesses labeled as "a few bad apples" in the business, Rep. David Scott, D-Ga., joined Brown-Waite in blaming the military for failing to protect the typical victim, the young, unassuming servicemember with a median age of 24 years and earning less than \$30,000 a year.

"There's an apparent collusion going on within the military itself," Scott said.

"It's shameful that these unscrupulous, shall we say insurance agents, are allowed to go into barracks [to speak] to confused soldiers under pressure, training and preparing to go overseas to risk their lives, and they are swamped with very complex financial details, life insurance and contractual plans. ... What is so disturbing is that these are veterans taking advantage of young enlisted men."

Industry representatives also testified in support of Burns' bill to an extent, but warned that language that is too broad could hurt companies who do provide legitimate and appropriate services.

Lawmakers and industry representatives said the military should provide better financial education to troops, letting them know that a young member with no dependents doesn't need long-term life insurance, for example.

Commanders keep lists of solicitors banned from their bases but rarely share those with other base commanders, officials added.

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Senator proposes unified command for military intel

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Georgia Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss introduced a bill Wednesday to create a unified combatant command for military intelligence, a measure that complements a law proposed Tuesday by senators from both sides of the aisle to create a national intelligence director.

The proposed bills are in line with recommendations proposed by the commission created to investigate the U.S. government's response to Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

If passed, Chambliss' bill would increase to 11 the number of unified combatant commands within the Defense Department.

Chambliss' proposal is one that has yet to be studied by the Pentagon's leadership, spokesman Bryan Whitman said.

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Powell: Militias have committed genocide in Sudan

BY GEORGE GEDDA

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday that abuses by government-supported Arab militias in Sudan qualify as genocide against the black African population in the Darfur region — a determination that should pressure the government to rein in the fighters.

Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the conclusion was based on interviews conducted with refugees from the Darfur violence as well as other evidence.

"We concluded that genocide has been committed in Darfur and that the government of Sudan and the Janjaweed (Arab militias) bear responsibility — and genocide may still be occurring," he said.

He added that as a contracting party to an international genocide convention, Sudan is obliged to prevent and punish acts of genocide.

"To us, at this time, it appears that Sudan has failed to do so," he said.

Powell noted that Article VIII of the convention provides that parties to the accord may call on the United Nations to take such

action under the U.N. charter "as they consider appropriate for the prevention and suppression of acts of genocide ..."

Powell called on the United Nations to undertake a full investigation.

"To this end, the U.S. will propose that the next U.N. Security Council resolution on Sudan request a U.N. investigation into all violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law that have occurred in Darfur, with a view to ensuring accountability," he said.

He said the evidence corroborates the specific intent of perpetrators to destroy a "group in whole or part."

In Abuja, Nigeria, Najeeb El-Khair Abdel Wahab, speaking at talks there on the situation in Darfur, said, "We don't think this kind of attitude can help the situation in Darfur. We expect the international community to assist the process that is taking place in Abuja and not put oil on the fire."

The deputy foreign minister said the Sudan government "is doing everything possible to resolve the crisis and that is why we are meeting in Abuja. ... We owe it to our people and we will do everything possible to achieve peace no matter what other people do or say."

Bin Laden deputy says U.S. forces driven into trenches in Afghanistan

BY SARAH EL DEEB

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — In a videotape made public ahead of the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Osama bin Laden's chief deputy claimed mujahideen, or holy fighters, have taken control of much of Afghanistan and driven U.S. forces into the "trenches."

With an assault rifle leaning on the wall behind him, Ayman al-Zawahiri said "southern and eastern Afghanistan have completely become an open field for the mujahideen."

The videotape was broadcast Thursday by Al-Jazeera television, which said it received the tape exclusively. It was not immediately clear how or when Al-Jazeera got the video.

Bin Laden and al-Zawahiri are believed to be hiding along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. They also issued video and audiotapes around last year's anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, including one on Sept. 10, 2003, that showed the

two men walking through rocky terrain. Two taped messages accompanied that video, including one in which bin Laden's praised the "great damage to the enemy" done on Sept. 11.

Bin Laden's al-Qaida network carried out the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, prompting Washington to move against Afghanistan's Taliban regime, which had sheltered bin Laden. The Taliban was driven from power in late 2001.

In recent months, southern and eastern Afghanistan have been racked by fierce resistance to U.S. military forces, and there have been frequent attacks on Afghan election workers preparing for an Oct. 9 presidential vote.

U.S. military officials in Afghanistan could not be reached for comment on the new videotape, but American commanders insist they have Taliban remnants and al-Qaida in the region.

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Israeli leader warns of Arafat's expulsion as 7 killed in West Bank clash

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK
The Associated Press

BEIT LAHIA, Gaza Strip — Yasser Arafat's expulsion is "closer than ever," the Israeli foreign minister warned in remarks broadcast Thursday, as seven Palestinians were killed and 27 wounded in clashes with Israeli troops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In one incident, in northern Gaza, soldiers opened fire from a tank-mounted machine gun, killing three Palestinians, including a 9-year-old boy, hospital officials said.

The fighting came as Arafat was embroiled in another power struggle with his prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, who submitted a letter of resignation earlier this week, his second since July.

Arafat refused to accept the resignation, and Qureia left in a huff on a private trip to Jordan on Thursday.

It was not clear whether Qureia would stick to his decision to resign.

Arafat, meanwhile, became the target of renewed Israeli threats.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom told supporters in a speech late Wednesday that Arafat's expulsion is "closer than ever" and that the Palestinian leader has no place in the region. The remarks were broadcast Thursday on Israel Radio.

Earlier this week, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said the government remained committed to a security Cabinet decision from last year to remove Arafat.

However, senior government officials say there are no immediate

plans to take action against Arafat.

The renewed threats by Shalom apparently were part of domestic Israeli politics. Shalom is seen as a potential successor to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as leader of the ruling Likud Party, and is courting hawkish activists.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat accused Israeli officials of inciting against Arafat. "I believe this is part of the strategy of destroying the Palestinian Authority and harming the president," Erekat said.

Arafat has been confined to his battered headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah for more than two years. Israel accuses Arafat of encouraging militant groups to attack Israel — an allegation Arafat denies.

Israel has repeatedly threatened to expel the veteran Palestinian leader. But the United States opposes such a step, and Sharon has complied with Washington's wishes. It also appears unlikely he would risk destabilizing the region further.

at a time when he is trying to push ahead with his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip in 2005, as part of a unilateral "disengagement" from the Palestinians. Sharon hopes the plan will enable Israel to hold on to large West Bank settlement blocs.

In northern Gaza, Israeli tanks blocked major roads Thursday, as troops tried to prevent the firing of homemade rockets from there at Israeli settlements. In sporadic clashes, soldiers traded fire with Palestinian gunmen and threw hurled stones at tanks. The area also came under machine gun fire from attack helicopters.



Emergency workers operate Thursday at the scene of a car bomb outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, that killed nine people. The blast was blamed on regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah.

Car bomb kills 9 in Jakarta

Militants hit Australian Embassy

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT
The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Suspected al-Qaida-linked militants detonated a car bomb outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta Thursday, killing nine people and wounding 160 in a devastating strike on a key U.S. ally in the war in Iraq.

The bombing — the first attack linked to regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah in more than a year — could affect upcoming Australian elections, in which Prime Minister John Howard is running on a pro-American, anti-terror platform in a tight race.

The blast, which left body parts and bloody corpses strewn across the busy thoroughfare, was also a reminder of the continuing threat of terrorism in the world's most populous Muslim nation despite a slew of arrests and convictions.

It came less than a week after Washington and Canberra upgraded long-standing travel warnings to their citizens in Indonesia, citing an increased risk of terror attacks by militants on Western targets.

No one inside the heavily fortified building was killed, although several Australian, Greek and Chinese citizens were wounded in the attack that occurred two days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, strikes in the United States.

Jemaah Islamiyah has also been blamed for the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, including 88 Australians, and an Aug. 5, 2003, suicide bombing at the JW Marriott hotel, located a few blocks from the site of Thursday's blast.

Australia is a key regional supporter of Washington's war on terrorism and sent 2,000 troops to participate in the Iraq invasion, which remains deeply unpopular in Indonesia. It still has more than 850 military personnel stationed in or around Iraq.

Islamic extremists are believed to have tried to influence the outcome of elections elsewhere. They blew up packed commuter trains in Madrid on the eve of Spain's elections earlier this year, killing

191 people. Shortly afterward, voters elected a Socialist administration that made good on its election pledge to withdraw all Spanish troops from Iraq.

Howard is facing criticism in the campaign over his decision to join Washington in the Iraq war, which his opponents say has made Australia more vulnerable to terror attacks.

"This is not a nation that is going to be intimidated by acts of terrorism," Howard told reporters in Australia.

Analysts were divided on how the blasts would affect Australia's Oct. 9 federal election. Howard is considered stronger on national security than his Labor challenger, Mark Latham — who has pledged to bring most of the Australian troops in Iraq home before Christmas — and may benefit from the perception that Australia is under attack.

Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri cut short a trip to neighboring Brunei where she was attending a royal wedding, and immediately toured the scene.

Nazi suspect denies shooting women, children

The Associated Press

MUNICH, Germany — An 86-year-old Nazi war crimes suspect charged with the killings of 164 Slovak villagers during World War II denied as his trial opened Thursday that he was involved in the shootings of women or children.

Ladislav Niznansky is accused of having headed the Slovak section of a Nazi unit code-named Edelweiss, which hunted resistance fighters and Jews after the Germans crushed an uprising against Slovakia's Nazi puppet government in 1944.

He faces 164 counts of murder for allegedly taking part in the killings, including giving the order to shoot 18 Jewish civilians.

Niznansky's lawyer, Steffen Ufer, argued in court that Niznansky was under orders from Nazi superiors and not present when the bulk of the shootings happened.

"He never gave an order to move against women and children, nor did he personally lift his hand against such persons," Ufer said in an opening statement.

Outside the courtroom, Niznansky flatly told reporters: "I am not guilty."

Now a German citizen, Niznansky was arrested at his Munich home in January, paving the way for what could be Germany's last Nazi war crimes trial. He could face life in prison if convicted.

Niznansky testified he initially took part in the rebellion and switched sides after being captured and a German officer threatened to have him sent to a concentration camp.

Prosecutors say he issued orders for and participated in the shootings of 146 people in the villages of Osty Grun and Klak in central Slovakia on Jan. 21, 1945.



Ladislav Niznansky, right, a German of Slovak origin, and his lawyer Steffen Ufer, left, stand Thursday in a Munich, Germany, courtroom. Niznansky is trial for Nazi crimes in the 1940s.

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Iwakuni recovers from Songda's rampage

Schools open as base works to relocate employees from damaged logistics building

By GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

Servicemembers, civilian workers and area contractors continued repairs Thursday to Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station structures that suffered \$800,000 to \$1 million in damage from the underestimated wrath of Typhoon Songda.

Half the roof of the logistics building was scattered in pieces, making that structure virtually unusable for about 70 employees at the southwestern Honshu base.

"We really had a bunch of damage, but mostly it was to rooftops, power systems, hangar doors and fences," said Lt. Chris Coggins, Iwakuni's assistant facilities officer. "At this point, I'd say the damages total about \$800,000 to \$1 million, and that's if we don't find anything else."

No injuries occurred on Thursday, and base services functioned normally, Coggins said. Typhoon Songda did not cause any damage to military aircraft.

No injuries occurred on base during the typhoon, Coggins said, and there were several hours of power outages in housing and other areas.

The typhoon made landfall in



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Servicemembers collect roof debris Wednesday around the Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's logistics building. About half of the roof was blown off Tuesday night from Typhoon Songda.

western Kyushu early Tuesday morning and marched northeast throughout the next 24 hours.

Iwakuni forecasters had expected the typhoon to pass no closer than about 86 miles, but Songda came within 20 miles of the base, Chief Warrant Officer David Fulton, station weather officer, said

that night.

"We had sustained winds for several hours of about 70 mph, with gusts up to 100 mph," Fulton said just as the typhoon began to move past Iwakuni. "We didn't believe it would hit us this hard. It just wasn't supposed to happen."

Wind caused the electrical

power outages in housing and other scattered areas, but when Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness All-Clear was issued at midnight, crews quickly made repairs. Coggins said generators that back up all critical systems on base performed as expected.

"Shops are working as we

speak and they are prioritizing the repairs. We are getting contractors in here as well to carry out certain repairs," Coggins said. "As far as the logistics building, we are scrambling to relocate people and we have them stashed in different locations, including some in the Chapel Community Room."

Workers finished some repairs Wednesday and Thursday, some would take much longer. For instance, long-range plans have included the replacement of the aging wooden logistics building.

"Right now we are deciding... We probably need a new building. There was a development plan, but we might have to request that we speed up that part of the plan," Coggins said.

He said Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 provided, among other help, enormous aid in clearing a pathway so the Children's Development Center could open. Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 assisted in clearing debris so other repairs could begin.

"The community has really come together. Marines, sailors, everyone... has done an outstanding job."

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Counterfeiting plea may net two years for Okinawa Marine

By CHIYOMI SUMIDA

Stars and Stripes

NAHA, Okinawa — Prosecutors are seeking a two-year prison sentence for a Marine who pleaded guilty Wednesday to counterfeiting Japanese currency.

Pvt. Stephen S. Williams, 21, assigned to Ammo Company, 3rd Material Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Services Support Group on Camp Schwab, was arrested on June 25, a day after he passed a photocopied 10,000-yen bill (about \$93) at a Nago gas station. A suspicious attendant reported to police that Williams bought 3,000 yen worth of gas with a 10,000-yen note, receiving 7,000 yen (about \$65) in change.

The attendant gave police the license plate number of the car Williams was driving, which is believed to belong to his girlfriend.

Police traced Williams to his camp and he was arrested the day before he was to be transferred back to the United States. During Wednesday's session in Naha District Court, Williams admitted to violating Japan's currency-control laws.

Williams said he created the fake bills on a color photocopy machine so that he could minimize his expenses on Okinawa before leaving for Seattle, his next duty station.

He said he wanted to save money so he could afford to fly to

his home in North Carolina before reporting for duty at his new post.

Prosecutor Masahisa Yokota said Williams used a color copy machine at his girlfriend's home in Gushikawa to make two fake 10,000-yen bills. The second bill was found in his bag the day he was arrested.

Calling the crime "skillful, malicious and deliberate," Yokota requested a sentence of two years of hard labor in a Japanese prison.

Williams' defense attorney, Miyamoto Harushima, called the incident a "spur-of-the-moment impulse."

In tearfully telling his side of the story, Williams said he came up with the idea while copying some pictures on his girlfriend's copy machine.

"I hurt a lot of people who love me," he said. "I paid them back by slapping their faces," he said as he broke down into tears.

Harushima asked the court for leniency.

"He is still a young man who has just turned 21 years old and he has promised to, from here on, become a law-abiding and respectable citizen," he said.

Williams, who is being held in custody at the Naha Detention Center, will be sentenced Sept. 22.

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Showing off



BENJIE J. DAVIS III/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force



KRISTIN RULEAN/Courtesy U.S. Air Force

Above: U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds prepare to land at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The landing marked the first time in a decade the Thunderbird demonstration team has visited Guam. The Thunderbirds will be performing during an air show Sunday at Andersen. Right: Tech. Sgt. Brian Plaque, crew chief of the Thunderbird demonstration team, helps Maj. Brian Burns out of F-16 Thunderbird No. 3.

Guam EOD unit returns from Iraq deployment

By FRANK WHITMAN

Special to Stars and Stripes

GUAM — A group of Guam-based U.S. sailors recently returned from a six-month Iraq deployment, where they put their explosive ordnance disposal skills to work supporting the Marine Corps.

Four members of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit FIVE returned from Iraq in mid-August after a deployment with the First Marine Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team, which was providing security to the Coalition Provisional Authority headquarters in Baghdad's Green Zone.

Before the Guam team arrived, the nearest EOD unit was three or four hours from the CPA headquarters — “the place the insurgents really wanted to hit,” said Lt. Will Ranney, the team's officer in charge. Marines, he said, understandably wanted “in-their-hip-pocket EOD response capability.”

The team responded to improvised explosive devices and ordnance recovery calls, conducted post-blast investigations of rocket and mortar attacks and helped train coalition forces in IED recognition and safety. Although there was little call for working underwater, which is much of the unit's training, unit members responded to more than 75 calls and disposed of more than 10,000 pounds of high explosives.

During one IED incident, two civilian contract workers leaving an underground parking area at the Al Rasheed Hotel saw an IED drop off a vehicle leaving the area. After calling authorities, the civilians walked back down the parking ramp and found themselves at a dead end 30 feet below street level.

“The first thing we had to do was figure out how to get those guys out of there,” Ranney said. “They refused to walk past the device.” An Army unit assigned to the hotel positioned a Humvee with a winch above the two and lifted them up and off the ramp.

“It was like watching ‘Rescue 911.’ I was waiting for William Shatner to show up,” Ranney said. With the help of a robot and another EOD team, the Guam unit successfully disabled the device.

“What that really drove home for me was that as secure as the Green Zone was, ‘secure’ in Iraq isn't really saying a whole lot,” Ranney said.

The team also worked on what turned out to be a box containing sheet music for the Iraq Symphony Orchestra. “With the amount of things that happened, you could never really be sure,” Ranney said.

During the deployment the CPA headquarters was rocketed “maybe 20 or 30 times,” Ranney said.

During the attacks, “you’d hear



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Gates disposes of ordnance in Iraq. Gates is now back in Guam with his family.

them cut through the air over our heads but you wouldn't know where they were going to hit. ... That's an experience I'll never forget,” said Seaman James “Kimo” Makaneole.

After the attacks the team would ensure the device had exploded and posed no further hazard. “There's so much ordnance over there, it's unreal,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Tyler Borgwardt. “At one point, we found a garage where an Army unit had been staying through the ground fighting up until two or three months before we got there.”

When a new Army unit moved in, they called the sailors and said, “we have something to show you.”

“They took us over and opened up this garage. It was full, wall-to-wall, with every type of ordnance I've ever seen or read

about, from large bombs to hand grenades to small arms to rocket launchers,” Borgwardt said. “Most of it had come in from the previous Army unit who had collected it, didn't know what to do with it and had just stored it in that garage.”

Iraq presented other challenges for the team. “The heat was crazy,” Makaneole said. Temperatures were in the 40s when the group arrived in February, but that changed within two months.

“In the shade it was 106 degrees and then we'd walk out in the sun and it was 120 degrees or even hotter,” he said. Even water from the cold-water shower tap was unbearable because of the sun's heat.

Fresh food was scarce. “Sometimes we bought eggs from some of the people that ran Internet cafes there,” Borgwardt said.

“We'd just cross our fingers and hope that we'd get a good one.”

Vegetables were less than appetizing. “We saw people eating stuff that was all brown and rotten,” Makaneole said. “When I got back to the commissary in Guam, I just stood there and stared at everything.”

Both Makaneole and Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Gates are married and have young children, which, they said, made the deployment a little more difficult.

“When you're away from them for six months, they grow up a lot when you're gone,” Gates said.

Team members agreed that they felt relieved to be back in Guam. “Just not being there is a relief,” Ranney said. “You never knew. One day it was the Iraq Symphony Orchestra and the next day it was a real IED falling off the bottom of a car. You just never knew and you had to treat every one like it was real.”

Welcoming party



JOHN BEEMAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Capt. King Dietrich, commander, Fleet Activities at Yokosuka, left, greets Adm. Vern Clark, chief of Naval Operations, upon Clark's arrival on Thursday at Yokosuka Naval Base for his Japan tour.

USS Abraham Lincoln preps for deployment

The USS Abraham Lincoln is to leave the West Coast in mid-October to conduct naval operations in support of national and theater security in the western Pacific Ocean.

The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier is the flagship for the Lincoln Carrier Strike Group commanded by Rear Adm. Doug Crowder.

Carrier Air Wing 2 will be on the carrier during the scheduled deployment, stated a Thursday afternoon Navy news release.

Additional ships in the strike group with the Lincoln will be announced later, the release stated, no port calls in East Asia were announced.

“Because of our capabilities under the new Fleet Response Plan, our deployment will actually result in having spent fewer days at sea overall,” Crowder stated.

“We will continue to train for this mission, becoming progressively more ready as we depart the West Coast and head across the Pacific.”

Volunteers needed for Misawa Patio Festa

MISAWA, Japan — Misawa City planning officials are looking for talented entertainers, bands, DJs, choruses, comedians, magicians, jugglers, clowns and dancers, arts and crafts artists, cooking demonstrators and flea market participants for the annual Misawa Patio Festa in Misawa City Oct. 2-11.

A meeting for stage entertainers is to take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday and one for arts and crafts artists, food booths and others is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday on the second floor of the Misawa City Chamber of Commerce.

E-mail city officials at mcci404@infoamori.ne.jp for more information.

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Options college-bound students can bank on

BY TARA SIEGEL BERNARD

Dow Jones Newswires

NEW YORK — For years, you filled your children's lunch boxes with sandwiches and juice boxes. Now, as they head off to college, they need your help filling, or at least setting up, their checking accounts.

With the back-to-school season in full swing, there are a number of banks that are offering student checking accounts and other fi-

financial products to help children of bank customers manage their money. But before you send them off to their new university, it's worth giving them a lesson in fiscal responsibility.

"You want to first set up a budget with your child," said Neale S. Godfrey, author of "Money Still Doesn't Grow on Trees: A Parent's Guide To Raising Financially Responsible Teenagers and Young Adults," and chairwoman of the Children's Finan-

cial Network, which provides products and services focused on financial education.

She also recommends that you have your children sit down and make a list of what they think they will need to live, what the costs are, and then do some price checking with them to see if they're actually on track.

"What you want to do is make it a learning experience, don't just set up an account," Godfrey said.

If you're unsure your students can handle the responsibility of credit-card — which can have long-standing consequences and mar their credit histories — cash-loaded or debit cards are a good option, because there's only so much they can use, she adds.

Individual banks are rolling out different options, including the following:

■ J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., which recently closed its merger with Bank One, just launched checking accounts geared for children of banking customers.

Severed to 24-year-olds can open a "College Checking" account which requires no minimum balance, no monthly maintenance fee or below-balance transaction fees for five years as long as the parent maintains a qualifying Bank One or Chase checking account. Other perks include two free withdrawals from an outside bank's ATM per statement cycle, along with a free debit card and online bill pay. "High School Checking" also is available for

students aged 15 to 18, and requires a parent or legal guardian to sign on as a co-owner of the account.

■ **U.S. Bancorp** offers "Student Checking," which doesn't require a daily balance, has no monthly service fee, and offers four free ATM transactions per month. Its U.S. Bank Check Card, essentially a debit product, is also free, as is Internet Banking. ATM transactions at U.S. Bancorp-based bank also offers the U.S. Bank Visa Bank Card, a prepaid card that parents can reload at their discretion. The card, which can't carry any cash, and students can't run up debt because the funds on the card are limited. The cards are accepted everywhere Visa is accepted and are accepted, including online and at the ATM.

The Visa Bankx card also is available through Bank of America (see www.bankofamerica.com/bankx), Bank of America Visa Bank Card, among others (see www.visa-usa.com); any costs are charged by the issuing institution, but parents with them for any related fees.

■ **Wachovia's Free Student Checking Program** offers many of the same benefits of the two aforementioned banks; if students link their account with their parent's checking account, they are given 12 free non-Wachovia ATM transactions per month, as well as four withdrawals, four account inquiries and four transfers. It also offers the Campus Card through about 14 participating schools; the single card combines the student's identification, debit and ATM card. Depending on the school, it can also be used to pay for on-campus meals, purchasing books, making copies at the library, as well as for doing laundry and accessing the gym.

Bank of America's CampusEdge Checking can be had with an opening deposit of \$25. It's free for the first six months.

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52-wk high	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	52-wk high
10,753.15	9,230.47	Dow Jones Industrials	10,313.36	-22.41	-1.34	10,753.15
3,212.45	2,650.63	Dow Jones Transportation	3,188.79	+27.91	+2.4	+1,885.17
2,935.55	2,424.69	Dow Jones Utilities	2,970.75	-7.79	-0.26	+1,787.85
6,798.54	5,940.48	NASDAQ Composite	6,715.55	-21.55	-0.32	+4,047.40
1,278.81	888.04	Nasdaq Index	1,239.83	-1.12	-0.09	+525.32
2,583.83	1,750.82	Nasdaq Composite	1,850.64	-1.92	-0.1	+752.47
1,613.21	1,490.36	S&P 500	1,516.37	-3.03	-0.2	+1,440.00
618.46	567.99	S&P MidCap	582.54	-0.62	-0.11	+313.77
1,066.13	996.13	S&P SmallCap	1,014.14	-5.14	-0.5	+114.17
11,371.14	9,525.20	DJ Wilshire 5000	10,847.15	-53.01	-0.49	+10,775.75

NYSE				NASDAQ			
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Motorola	268041	15.18	-0.58	Nasdaq100Tr	95		
GenElec	261790	33.66	+32	SPDR	32		
Domestic	209066	3.09	-0.04	SemiHfr	23		
Textnet	182764	18.83	+12	iShare2000	50		
NokiaCp	177864	12.71	+12	DIA Diam	48		
DeanFds	158711	30.40	-6.73	SP Fnd	47		
TycoIntl	149936	30.87	-27	SP Fndg	46		
NorthernH	142828	1.68	-0.04	SP Fndg	2		
JPfizer	112423	32.77	+83	WheatGr	9		
JPmorgCh	112507	39.37	-50	BernaGold	17		

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34.29	-12	Intel	732601	19.72	-17
112.58	-28	Tellabs	655737	9.57	+45
28.04	+05	SerinusS	508052	2.71	+37
111.75	-50	Cisco	507327	19.31	+26
103.49	-15	Oracle	456663	9.86	-22
29.21	-22	Microsoft	454941	27.26	-10
32.83	+03	ApldMatl	257044	15.79	+10
10.04	-09	AdvFcm	248886	15.90	-1.30
2.61	-02	SunMicro	189202	3.83	-10
2.32	-02	TASER S	188951	35.55	+2.99

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	DIV	PE	Earnings	Chg	YTD %
Alliant Technology	—	14	59.26	—	+2.6
Boeing	—	17	36.73	—	+2.6
Boeing	.80	17	54.95	+0.88	+2.6
Computer Sciences	—	17	48.95	—	+2.1
Computer Sciences	—	17	48.95	—	+2.1
General Dynamics	1.44	18	37.46	—	+1.8
General Dynamics	1.44	18	37.46	—	+1.8
General Electric	—	22	31.80	—	+1.0
General Electric	—	22	31.80	—	+1.0
Harris Corp.	—	25	26.41	—	+1.0
Harris Corp.	—	25	26.41	—	+1.0
Lockheed Martin	—	20	43.67	—	+2.6
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Raytheon	—	33	25.63	—	+1.8
Raytheon	—	33	25.63	—	+1.8
Rockwell Int'l	—	36	22.87	—	+1.3
Rockwell Int'l	—	36	22.87	—	+1.3
Seiqs Corp.	—	77	15.29	—	+1.07
Seiqs Corp.	—	77	15.29	—	+1.07
Texas Instruments	.89	19	34.83	—	+1.1
Texas Instruments	.89	19	34.83	—	+1.1
United Technologies	1.49	18	38.80	—	+1.8

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	YTD %
Fidelity Invest: Growth	36.11	-11	+2.3
Fidelity Invest: GncStk	48.30	-27	+3.2
Fidelity Invest: Amer Ultra	19.07	-11	+2.3
Fidelity Spartan: Edgls	18.07	-17	+1.9
Fidelity Invest: Grndp	13.61	-10	+2.3
Fidelity Invest: A-Mgr	35.71	-82	+1
Frank/Temp Risk: SMLCPG	29.35	-28	+2.5
Amer Investments: US	10.47	-10	+2.5
Fidelity Invest: USBI	11.17	+85	+3.3
Fidelity Invest: US Divd	20.19	-10	+3.3
Fidelity Advisor T: Grndp	27.68	-12	+2.1
Fidelity Advisor T: Equit	26.94	-13	+3.3
Fidelity Advisor T: Bond	29.18	-19	+3.3
Putnam Funds A: GblStk	7.52	-81	+4
All Investments A: Weinga	11.05	-81	+3.6
All Investments A: Charls	12.62	-81	+3.6
Merrill Lynch B: Calpac	25.71	-96	+2.3
Merrill Lynch B: Arl Fnd	38.75	-95	+2.3
Fidelity Advisor T: Outspst	16.44	-94	+2.3

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Sept. 10)	107.6
South Korean won (Sept. 9)	1,120.0
Euro	\$1.23
British pound	\$1.6
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.31
British pound	\$1.78
Canada (Dollar)	1.28
Denmark (Krone)	6.17
Egypt (Pound)	6.15
Euro	\$1.21
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.79
Hungary (Forint)	205.1
Iceland (Krona)	72.11

Japan (Yen)	109.2
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.29

Norway (krone).....	6.91
Philippines (Peso).....	56.0
Saudi Arabia (Riyal).....	3.7
Singapore (Dollar).....	1.69
South Korea (Won).....	1,149.4
Switzerland (Franc).....	1.7
Thailand (Baht).....	41

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banks.)

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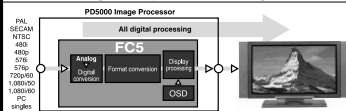
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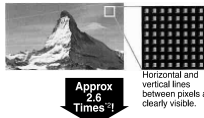
The FC5 automatically adjusts input signals so all you see are pictures with dynamic contrasts.

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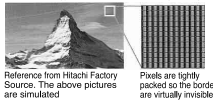
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Hitachi's new ALIS panel technology enables the 42PD5000TA to receive more pixels and lines per second, allowing it to be HDTV compatible. Number of pixels H/1024 x V/1024.

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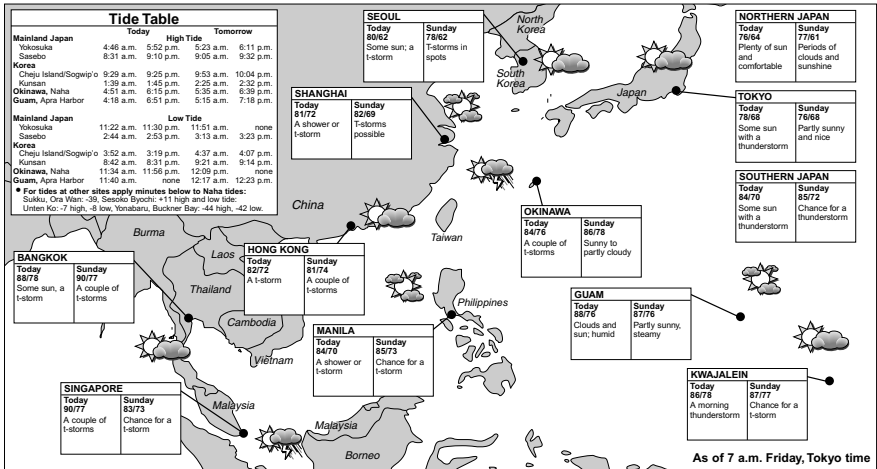
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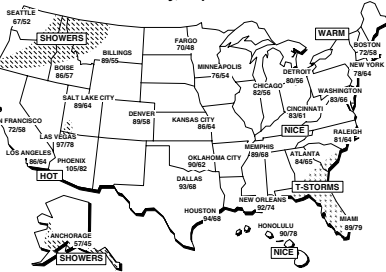
Extended Forecasts

- TOKYO** Monday: Partly sunny, high 79, low 71. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 83, low 73.
- KADENA** Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 79. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 79.
- SEOUL** Monday: Showers, high 79, low 60. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 81, low 64.
- MANILA** Monday: Thunderstorms, high 84, low 74. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 74.
- HAGATNA** Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. High pressure will also provide pleasant conditions for the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes. Meanwhile, an area of low pressure will trigger a few showers and thunderstorms across the Upper Midwest and northern Plains. A storm will approach the Pacific Northwest and cause some rain to fall, mainly west of the Cascades. Hurricane Ivan will approach the United States Sunday and Monday and may make landfall somewhere along the Gulf Coast or Florida. Elsewhere, unsettled weather will affect the northern Rockies and Plains. High pressure will provide clear weather for most of the Northeast.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	87/60	Los Angeles	90/69
Amarillo	88/53	Little Rock	86/62
Anchorage	60/44	Louisville	79/60
Ashville	78/57	Miami	91/78
Baltimore	84/62	Milwaukee	71/54
Birmingham	88/66	Nashville	82/61
Bismarck	83/57	New York	81/58
Boston	86/55	Omaha	85/60
Boulder	83/66	Orlando	90/74
Brownsville	89/74	Philadelphia	86/68
Buffalo	67/56	Phoenix	108/83
Burlington	72/59	Pittsburgh	75/58
Charleston, SC	90/72	Portland, OR	73/52
Charlotte	85/64	Portland, ME	68/65
Cleveland	71/55	Salt Lake City	93/62
Columbus, OH	73/57	St. Louis	82/60
Duluth	68/52	San Antonio	92/65
El Paso	89/60	San Diego	83/69
Hartford	78/63	San Juan	90/77
Helena	80/47	Tampa	87/74
Indianapolis	76/56	Tulsa	88/66
Jacksonville	90/72	Washington	85/66
Kansas City	83/58	Wichita	88/58

Saturday, September 11



U.S. Extended Forecast

Sunny and comfortable weather will be the rule along the East Coast Sunday. High pressure will also provide pleasant conditions for the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes. Meanwhile, an area of low pressure will trigger a few showers and thunderstorms across the Upper Midwest and northern Plains. A storm will approach the Pacific Northwest and cause some rain to fall, mainly west of the Cascades. Hurricane Ivan will approach the United States Sunday and Monday and may make landfall somewhere along the Gulf Coast or Florida. Elsewhere, unsettled weather will affect the northern Rockies and Plains. High pressure will provide clear weather for most of the Northeast.

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	88/78	Iwakuni	82/70
Beijing	81/64	Kadena AB	74/61
Camp Casey	73/52	Kansan AB	74/61
Christchurch	58/41	Kwajalein	85/78
Diego Garcia	84/71	Manila	84/70
Hagatna	88/76	Misawa AB	72/56
Hanoi	80/67	Perth	74/63
Hong Kong	82/72	Taipei	83/67
Honolulu	90/78	Pusan	77/69

Saturday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/76	Budapest	76/55
Athens	71/56	Buenos Aires	59/40
Auckland	58/49	Cairo	87/58
Baghdad	102/71	Cancun	86/74
Barbados	90/75	Cape Town	71/47
Barcelona	77/64	Geneva	69/53
Berlin	77/58	Istanbul	59/46
Bermuda	85/76	Jerusalem	81/61
Brussels	72/49	Johannesburg	75/54
		Moscow	59/45
		Kabul	105/65
		Nairobi	77/43
		New Delhi	95/50
		Oslo	71/50
		Paris	65/44
		Rio de Janeiro	78/66
		St. Peterburg	66/51
		Stockholm	68/52
		Warsaw	74/54



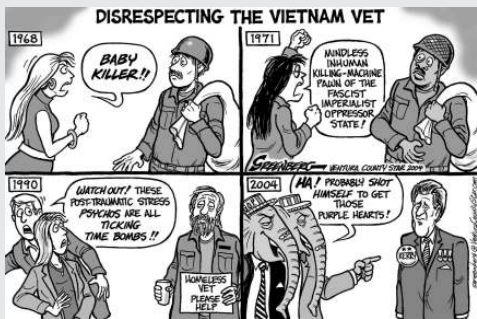
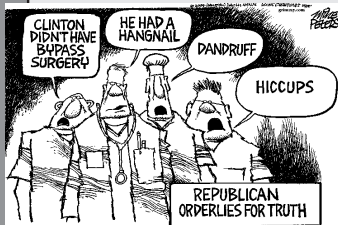
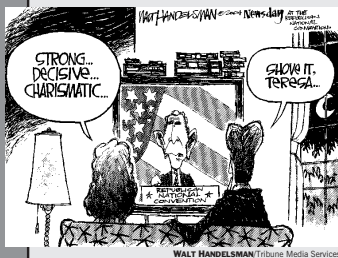
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Looking at the news

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Steamboat discovery

OK FORT TOWSON — More than 160 years after it sank in the Red River, researchers are discovering the history of the steamboat *Heroine*.

Archaeologists using scuba gear are diving into the murky water to excavate the paddle-wheeler that foundered while trying to supply troops at this frontier outpost.

So far, researchers, including those from the Oklahoma Historical Society, have recovered artifacts that bring the *Heroine* to life — shoes worn by the crew, the dishes they ate from, the hand trucks they used to load cargo.

'Double-dipping' cops

MA BOSTON — The Boston Police Department has paid hundreds of police officers to be on more than one private detail at the same time, according to a Boston Globe investigation.

The double-dipping was spread across rank, from patrolmen up to captains, including a commander of the department's Paid Detail Assignment Unit. Many benefited more than once: 150 officers collected detail pay for overlapping shifts at least twice, and one collected detail pay 23 times.

An internal committee has been instructed to examine payroll records and investigate officers, and has asked City Hall auditors to reconfigure the computer payroll system to flag overlapping shifts.

Seven officers are now under investigation for double dipping.

Climber dies from fall

WY GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK — A mountain climber fell 50 feet to his death on Disappointment Peak after his rappel anchor failed, officials said.

Frank Olding, 40, of Seattle, died.

National Park Service spokeswoman Jackie Skaggs said Olding began an ascent of the 11,618-foot peak's East Ridge with two other men. At about 11,000 feet, Olding apparently decided to go no farther because he believed the next section was beyond his partners' ability, Skaggs said.

Olding began to rappel back down the mountain but his anchor failed and he fell, Skaggs said. Park officials were investigating why the rappelling gear failed.

Re-indicted for murder

LA SHREVEPORT — A Texas man whose first-degree murder conviction was thrown out by a federal court last month has been re-indicted for the same crime.

James Crandell, 57, was indicted on one count of first-degree murder in the 1989 death of a Bossier City man inside a motel. Crandell is still jailed at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, where he has been serving a life sentence since his conviction in 1991 for the beating death of Charles Parr, 48.

U.S. District Attorney Schuyler Marvin immediately filed notice after the grand jury's report that he intends to seek the death penalty, but he expects a lengthy court battle.



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Marvin intends to test a 24-year-old state court decision that says prosecutors are prohibited from twice seeking the death penalty.

Student found dead

CO FORT COLLINS — A 19-year-old former homecoming queen was found dead at a Colorado State University fraternity, and the fraternity chapter was suspended by its national headquarters.

The body of Samantha Spady, a sophomore from Beatrice, Neb., was found in a lounge at the Sigma Pi fraternity by a member giving a tour of the house. Police suspect drinking contributed to her death but are waiting for the results of toxicology tests.

Police spokeswoman Rita Davis said there was no sign of foul play, leading police to close their criminal investigation.

However, it could be reopened if investigators discover someone else provided the underage student with alcohol.

ACLU challenging law

HI HONOLULU — A man who was kicked out of the Hawaii State Library for using its computers to access a gay and lesbian Web site filed a federal lawsuit challenging a state law that allows authorities to ban people from public property.

The law prohibits people from entering a public place for up to

one year after a written warning or request to leave the premises has been issued. It was aimed at removing squatters from public campgrounds, parks and beaches.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, filing on behalf of Carlos Hernandez, said people or groups could be thrown off public property for no reason and said the law could be used to keep voters out of polling places or to bar groups such as native Hawaiians from the grounds of the state Capitol.

Fatal shooting at motel

MI MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP — Assaults sprayed gunfire into a motel room, killing two people and injuring four, police said.

Police Chief Hag Ashley said two assailants used a 9 mm handgun and a 7.62 mm assault weapon to fire into the room. The motive was unclear, he said.

After the shooting, the motel parking lot was littered with shell casings from about 60 bullets. Inside the room, curtains were shredded and windows were shattered.

Some of the bullets passed through inner walls into other rooms, including one that had been rented but apparently was unoccupied at the time, authorities said.

Animal cruelty case

NY NEW YORK — A 16-year-old high school student was arrested on charges he beat two pit bulls to death with a tree branch in a Bronx park, animal protection officials said.

The teen, Ricardo Plasencia, was arrested at his family's home in the Morrisania section of the Bronx and was charged with two felony counts of aggravated animal cruelty, said Joseph Pentangelo, a spokesman for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The 1-year-old female dogs' remains were taken to the Burgh Memorial Animal Hospital. The veterinarian who performed the necropsies said in 20 years he had not seen an animal sustain such severe head injuries, Pentangelo said.

Pump keeps boy alive

CA STANFORD — A 6-month-old boy kept alive almost two months on a miniature heart pump not approved for use in the United States underwent successful heart transplant surgery and is expected to make a full recovery.

Miles Coulson suffered damage to his heart shortly after his birth March 30 and was placed on a heart transplant list.

His condition began to deteriorate, and doctors at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University persuaded the Food and Drug Administration to let them import a device from Europe called the Berlin Heart. No pumps approved for use in the United States are small enough for infants.

The Berlin Heart has been used on about 50 babies in Europe since 1999. Three other American babies have been treated with it; two received transplants and a third recovered enough to be taken off the device.



Summer day fun

Chris McElfresh, left, and Christopher Richards, 12, tumble down an inflatable slide during the 11th annual Labor Day picnic at Carey Park in Hutchinson, Kan.



Final touchups

A makeup artist puts the final touches on a model at the Perry Ellis Spring 2005 fashion show in New York.



The Royal treatment

Veterinarian Dr. Barbara Royal performs an acupuncture treatment on the Brookfield Zoo's Bactrian camel, Jewel, who suffers from arthritis in the front legs, in Brookfield, Ill.



Spider for sale

James McFall, a vendor for Emerald City Balloons, is engulfed by their product during the Blackberry Festival in Bremerton, Wash.



Wild child

Dylan Fairchild, 3, of Stephenville, Texas, rides a longhorn steer named Snickers at the Celebrate Bandera Festival in Bandera, Texas.



Unbearable heat

An unidentified woman shields her face from the sun while walking past a water fountain in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles area reached a high of 93 degrees.



Kart collision

Miles Miller, right, of Plainfield, Ind., slides into the rear and flips over Kris Wentink, of Davenport, Iowa, after Wentink hit the wall in turn one during a kart race at the 10th annual Rock Island Grand Prix in Rock Island, Ill.

Man guilty of 3 deaths

CO LITTLETON — A man accused of killing a friend and two women whose bodies were found buried in a backyard pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in his friend's death.

As part of his plea, Richard Paul White will be sentenced to life in prison without parole. He made a plea bargain on a charge of killing former roommate Jason Reichardt, 27, last year.

After his arrest, White told investigators he had killed five women and buried their bodies around the state since 1998.

The bodies of Victoria Lyn Turpin, 32, and Annaletta Maria Gonzales, 27, were found last year in the yard of a Denver home where White and a girlfriend once lived.

White said he buried other bodies in southern Colorado, but authorities have not found them.

Here's what not to do

IN BLOOMINGTON — A gun safety demonstration went awry and landed Monroe County Coroner David Toumey in the hospital after he shot himself in the leg.

Toumey said his gun discharged as he was checking to make sure it was unloaded and a bullet struck him in his left leg during the demonstration to a group of people at a Lake Monroe boat ramp.

"It's an unfortunate accident," Toumey told The Herald-Times of Bloomington. "I've always been very, very safe."

Toumey was released from Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis after treatment, the hospital said.

Man takes church money

MD BALTIMORE — A man who admitted using a copy of a stamp with Cardinal William Keeler's signature on it to steal \$443,000 in church donations was sentenced to four years in prison.

Victor Putnien pleaded guilty to theft in 1999 for stealing the money between 1999 and 2002 when he worked as an accountant at the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore.

Prosecutors said Putnien copied the cardinal's signature from a stamp and used it on papers to give him the authority to take donated money from church accounts.

Infection kills elephant

TX HOUSTON — The 13-year-old elephant that died suddenly at the Houston Zoo had no internal defects, increasing the likelihood he died from a viral or bacterial infection.

Elephant herpes virus is one possibility, zoo officials told the paper. Kimba's sister Singah died in 2000 of the virus as did three other siblings, who had been shipped to other habitats.

Kimba first showed symptoms when she wasn't interested in eating and had slight swelling around her head. Veterinarians gave her antiviral medication and she seemed better at first when she was given more antiviral med-

ication but later died.

Bank robber gets away

SC AIKEN — A robber who used a rusty pitchfork to stick up a bank got away — and so far, finding him has been like looking for a needle in a haystack.

The man, wearing sunglasses and a mask, entered Security Federal Bank and threatened employees with the 4-foot-long pitchfork. The man took an undisclosed amount of money.

The robber dropped the farm tool as he ran from the bank through a wooded area to a golf course behind the bank, police said.

Bloodhounds tracked the robber to a fast food restaurant parking lot, where police say the man got into a white van driven by a woman.

No customers were in the bank during the holdup, and no one was injured.

Marijuana growth found

WI GREEN BAY — Deputies didn't have to go far to find this marijuana: It was growing right outside their Green Bay headquarters.

Green Bay television station WLWK-TV reported that it received a tip and alerted the Brown County Sheriff's Department about the pot in a planter on the south side of the courthouse.

Chief Deputy John Gossage wasn't sure of the plants' identity, but a drug officer confirmed the presence of marijuana.

The drug officer pulled the six small plants, which were to be destroyed.

Polka dots not approved

NC WILMINGTON — A print shop owner is on the spot with city officials who say her dots are a don't.

The officials don't approve of the polka dots she's painted on an oak tree outside her store.

Elle Puritz said she was just trying to protect the tree, as well as spread some good cheer, when she repainted the plain white trunk red, then added dots.

City officials say the splashy paint job violates sign ordinances. The trunk of the redwood tree has been painted white years ago to make it more visible to cars. When Puritz bought the property in January, she decided to spruce it up.

Grads get assignment

IA DeWITT — Members of the Central Community High School Class of 2004 were given one last assignment when they graduated — and most didn't seem to mind.

On the last day of high school, Mike and Jill Selby gave each of the 155 graduates a \$10 bill and a letter. They asked the graduates to spend the gift in a way that would reflect the values of their son, Cory, who would have graduated with the class.

Cory Selby died the summer before his sophomore year of a rare heart ailment.

The Selbys asked the students to let them know how they spent the money, and the response, they say, has been overwhelming.

Stories and photos from wire services.

Horoscope

The moon joins Venus in the sign of the lion. Our emotions are bigger than life, and the way we present ourselves reflects that outrageousness. Many will get dressed up and go out as almost costumed versions of themselves. Conversational topics are funny, exaggerated and perhaps completely untrue — but never dull.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 11). This year, you'll see everything from a different point of view and make new choices because of this — but, of course, you still employ your signature style. Relationships grow stronger through the fall. Special training in November helps you improve your financial picture. Get backing for creative projects in January. Love signs are Scorpio and Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you get an inkling about something, follow it! Ignoring your intuition is tantamount to agreeing to get exactly what you don't want. Loved ones need you for encouragement. Find the good in their situation, and point it out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If an investment is too complicated to be explained, it's probably too complicated to pay off. Singles find love while running an errand. Couples avoid arguing by deciding who is going to shoulder a responsibility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're favored to win. Reinforce the belief when you are most tempted to think of success as something that was meant for others. How you use your leisure time is crucial. Get as much enjoyment as you can.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You enjoy learning, so avoid giving the impression that you know it all. Others will delight you with insights! Think of ways to make your business less dependent on your constant attention. Find help you can trust.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Accept the fact that a relationship is either growing or shrinking — there's no in

between. Find new ways to contribute. You're offered more specific about what you will and won't do in the name of love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Work to get rid of the concept of "someday." Why not make your dreams come true today?

The "how" part isn't as impossible as it seems. The resolution to take action will ignite your mind to think of ways to reach your goal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're exercising your rights. This year includes a lot of saying "no" to people who are hard to say "no" to. Practice finding things to like about people, especially the ones who are pretty much unlikable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Confidence is related to getting excited about life. You're allowing yourself too much ramp-up time for a project, which only serves to create more obstacles in your head than really exist. Instead of getting ready, get going.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A decision is made without your consultation. Keep your poise, and use charm to let everyone know you can't be pushed around. All works to your advantage in long run. Fantastic love is your rock of support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One positive move begets another. Joining health-club classes may help you stop procrastination in other areas. Singles: The perfect person doesn't exist. That said, keep looking for the one who is just right for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Handle those dangling ends and unfinished tasks. If it seems like there's never any rest, you're onto something. A breakthrough is coming, so don't stop now. The brightest ideas come in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Carefully plan your finances — you can turn a little into enough to have that car or house. In matters of love, show that you have every intention of compromising; you'll still get what you want in the end.

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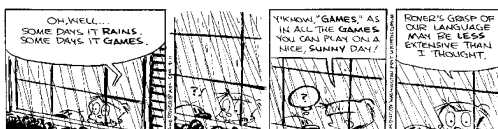
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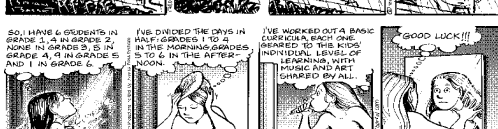
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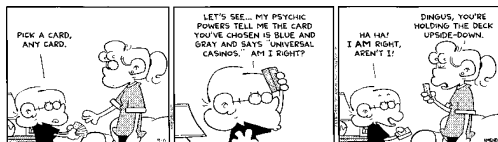
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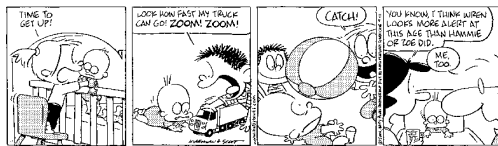
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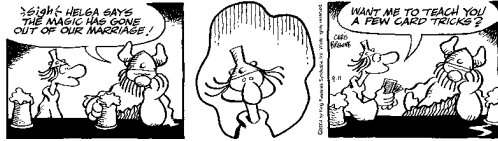
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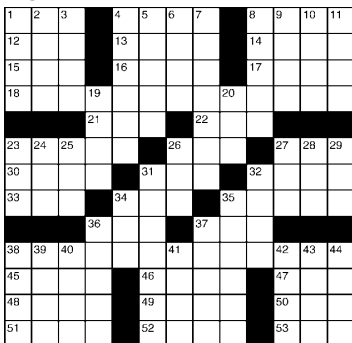
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- 13 "Holly cow!"
- 14 Vittles
- 15 Ally McBeal's field
- 16 Kachina worshipper
- 17 Like — of bricks
- 18 1998 Joe Klein book
- 21 Chowderhead
- 22 1,000 pounds
- 23 Characteristic
- 26 Gibson or Brooks
- 27 Support system?
- 30 Make
- 31 DIY buy
- 32 Incursion
- 33 Storm center
- 34 Make better
- 35 Small jazz band
- 36 Have a bug
- 37 "Eureka!"
- 38 Jailhouse newbie
- 45 Utter defeat
- 46 Take the bait
- 47 JFK info
- 48 Mrs. Lindbergh
- 49 Mid-month date
- 50 Stern disciplinarian?
- 51 Addict
- 52 Conservative
- 53 Commandment pronoun

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- 2 Winged
- 3 New Zealander
- 4 Shocked
- 5 Loutish sorts
- 6 Get a glimpse of
- 7 Copse
- 8 Resell for huge profits
- 9 "— be in England ..."
- 10 "Let's Make a Deal" option
- 11 Botanical bristles
- 19 Common street name
- 20 Tin Man's need
- 23 Golf-bag gizmo
- 24 Shaft of light
- 25 "All the Things You —"
- 26 Cake maker's shortcut
- 27 Emeril's expletive
- 28 Umbrella part
- 29 Commotion
- 31 Computer-info measure
- 32 Reddish steed
- 34 Healthy
- 35 Of poor quality
- 36 Dassy lookalike
- 37 Hunting
- 38 Lady of the Hous
- 39 Charged bits
- 40 Mysterious character
- 41 Faithful pooch
- 42 Skilled
- 43 Leave a lasting impression
- 44 Suggestive

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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FACES 'N' PLACES

Worldly sound

Irish siblings The Corrs get lucky with native inspired pop

BY SCOTT MERVIS
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Although they hail from Dundalk, County Louth, in Ireland and use such traditional instruments as bodhran and violin, the Corrs aren't necessarily Irish Festival.

The group of four siblings — singer Andrea, violinist Sharon, drummer Caroline and guitarist/keyboardist Jim — have become known worldwide for shimmering pop music, laced with just the slightest hints of Celtic traditional.

"I had a lot to do with an upbringing that included their musician parents performing covers of American pop groups."

"I think our harmonies are very much influenced by that," says Sharon Corr. "Mom was a singer, Dad played keyboards. They listened to all the Eagles and Carpenters, a lot of very melodic music, and they covered a lot of music that was big on the charts at the time."

"So, we were influenced by American music and British music and also by the music on our doorstep. It sort of fused its way into our songwriting, and we thought it was a pretty unique sound."

The Corrs' pop emphasis was front and center when the group formed in 1991, first as regional group, then as an international concern when its debut, "Forgiven, Not Forgotten," was released

in 1996. Its breakthrough hit in the States was the irresistibly catchy "Breathless," from the 2000 release "In Blue."

That breakthrough coincided with the Corrs taking a break from the spotlight.

"We were sort of on the road for seven years nonstop," Sharon says. "We were fairly jaded after a while, so we did need some time to get our personal lives sorted out, because that had been put on hold for years."

The happy interruptions included Sharon, the eldest sibling, getting married in 2001 and then Caroline marrying in 2002 and having a baby the next spring. She's currently eight months pregnant with her second child and obviously not drumming with the Corrs on tour.

Somewhere in between all that, the Corrs did find time to write and record "Borrowed Heaven," a fourth record of majestic grandeur that leads off with another sparkling single, "Summer Sunshine."

Produced by Olle Romo, the record also includes the Bono co-write "Time Enough for Tears" (from the "In America" soundtrack), a title track that features Ladysmith Black Mambazo and a closing traditional instrumental, "Silver Strand."

One of the more memorable tracks is Sharon's "Goodbye," a song, written about the passing of their mother in 1999, that asks, "Where are you now? Could I get there somehow?"



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Andrea Corr, lead singer of Irish pop group The Corrs, performs on the Stravinsky hall stage during the 38th Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland, in July. Blending American and British influences with sounds from their native country, the four siblings have forged a career spanning more than a decade.

"With emotional stuff like that, you don't often have a choice," she says. "It just comes out of you. That's the wonderful thing about music: It's a vessel for your emotions, and it can be very therapeutic to write about what you're feeling."

The title track covers similar ground, and with its subtle Afro-pop beat, it seemed a natural for a collaboration with Ladysmith.

"We met Ladysmith a couple

times," Sharon says, "and we also had known the music from Paul Simon's 'Graceland.' 'Borrowed Heaven' screamed for them. We asked them to sing with us, and so when we went to Johannesburg for Nelson Mandela's 80th birthday, we hired a studio and worked with them. It was a terrific experience."

In the past, we've watched all manner of sibling groups parade across the pop stage, from the Jacksons to the Kinks to Hanson.

How does the dynamic work in the Corrs?

"In the beginning, when we were promoting and touring, we were really living in each other's pockets," Sharon says. "We were finding very little time for our individuality. And in those early days, we did fight an awful lot more. We learned to deal with it, and we worked hard to respect each other and get rid of that presumption that because you're family, you're alike. Families can be very, very different."

Too young for a legend?

How old is a movie legend? Definitely older than 37-year-old Nicole Kidman, according to Lauren Bacall.

Bacall became irritated during an interview on a British TV show Wednesday when the younger actress was described as "a legend."

"She's not a legend," Bacall said, cutting off interviewer Jenni Falconer in mid-sentence.

"She's a beginner. What is this 'legend' she can't be a legend at whatever age she is. She can't be a legend, you have to be older."

The two actresses were in Venice, Italy, to promote their new film "Birth," in which 79-year-old Bacall plays Kidman's mother.

Hebturn memorabilia

Katharine Hepburn's estate is giving back to the group that awarded the famed actress four Oscars.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences library has received thousands of photographs and decades worth of letters, scrapbooks and screenplays Hepburn saved over her career.

She meticulously stored objects documenting her life and career, which spanned 60 years.

The collection of letters in-

cludes numerous exchanges with directors, including George Cukor, John Huston and David Lean.

There also is material showing her involvement in social and political issues and her close personal relationships with Cary Grant, Tennessee Williams, Laurence Olivier, John Wayne, Henry Fonda, and of course, Spencer Tracy.

Jam, Lewis head west

Music producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis have sold their Flyte Tyne Studios in Minnesota for \$2.3 million.

Jam and Lewis, who have produced more No. 1 hits than anyone except Beates producer George Martin, have moved their production business to Los Angeles.

The deal for the 18,000-square-foot facility closed Sept. 1, said Brian Fogelberg, who represented Jam and Lewis' Flyte Tyne Productions.

The buyer, Karl Bohn, is a prominent real estate developer who has been involved in a number projects south of the Minnesota River. It's expected that Bohn will continue to use the Flyte Tyne building for producing music.

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Canada blanks Slovakia to reach World Cup semifinals

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Jarome Iginla had two goals and an assist to lead Canada into the World Cup of Hockey semifinals with a 5-0 victory over Slovakia on Wednesday night.

Vincent Lecavalier, Ryan Smyth and Joe Sakic also scored for Canada, which will play the Czech Republic in Toronto on Saturday night in one semifinal.

The United States plays Finland on Friday night in St. Paul, Minn., in the other semifinal.

Canada has dominated the tournament, going 4-0 while outscoring its opponents

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Brodeur was barely tested, finishing with 23 saves for his first shutout of the tournament.

Harrington leads German Masters

PULHEIM, Germany — European Ryder Cup player Pádraig Harrington, playing days after laser eye surgery, broke

his slump with a 6-under-par 66 Thursday for one-stroke lead over Alex Cejka at the German Masters.

Harrington, Europe's highest-ranked player at No. 8, took the lead with a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole. He had five birdies on the back nine.

Cejka of Germany shot a 67 in the final tournament before the Europeans play the Americans next week at Oakland Hills outside Detroit.

Els three back in Korean Open

SEOUL, South Korea — Ernie Els was three strokes behind leader Hendrik Buhr-

mann after shooting a 71 in the first round of the Korean Open on Thursday.

Buhrmann, from South Africa, made six birdies and an eagle for a 4-under 68 at the 7,047-yard Woo Jung Hills Country Club in Cheonan.

Goosen shoots par, is five shots behind in Japan

INZAI, Japan — Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen shot a par-70 Thursday in the opening round of the Suntory Open, leaving him five strokes behind leaders Scott Laycock of Australia and Y.E. Yang of South Korea.

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Dolphins-Titans moved to Saturday

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins' opening game against the Tennessee Titans will be played Saturday instead of Sunday because of approaching Hurricane Ivan.

Ivan could reach southern Florida as soon as Sunday, forecasters said. The Dolphins and Titans had been scheduled to kick off at 1 p.m. EDT that day.

"It's pretty wild," linebacker Junior Seau said Thursday. "Where I come from, we have earthquakes. It just happens. Here, you can monitor hurricanes for days and days and your life stops."

"With the weather we have, it can scare a lot of our fan support away and that's understandable," said the Dolphins, the scheduling change is the latest development in a preseason that included the retirement of running back Willis Williams and concerns about Hurricane Frances. The storm last week prompted talk of a player boycott when the Dolphins were forced to play an exhibition game in New Orleans against their wishes as the storm threatened Florida.

"We're bullet-proof at this point," coach Dave Wannstedt said.

"There's nothing that anyone can do or say that will hurt us. Everyone knows what we've been through."

Sugs doubtful for opener

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland Browns running back Lee Sugs did not practice again Wednesday and is listed as doubtful for Sunday's season opener against the Baltimore Ravens.

Sugs sustained a neck stinger during practice last week and was kept out of Cleveland's exhibition finale against Chicago. He hasn't practiced since, and indications are he'll miss the opener.

Browns coach Butch Davis said Sugs has full range of motion and is not in pain. However, following Wednesday's practice, Davis said the team is not counting on Sugs being available.

"We have practice as if he's not going to play," Davis said.

On the NFL's injury reports, "doubtful" means there is a 75 percent chance of not playing.

Sugs said it was up to him if he'd play. But team doctors will have the final decision on allowing the second-year back to suit up against one of the NFL's best defenses.

This summer, Sugs led the Browns in rushing during the exhibition season while outplaying Williams Green, who will get the bulk of the carries if Sugs can't play.

Dolphins' Bownes to miss opener

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Tim Bownes will miss Sunday's opener against Tennessee because of a back injury.

Bownes was ruled out Wednesday.

The 6-foot-4, 325-pound run-

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stopper practiced sparingly during training camp and played just one preseason game.

Without Bownes, Jeff Zgonina will start next to Larry Chester.

The injury also means newly signed tackle Bryan Robinson will see significant playing time. The Dolphins signed Robinson on Tuesday.

McGhee settles for backup role

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Travis Henry will be the Buffalo Bills starter on opening day, leaving Willis McGhee to settle for a backup role.

McGhee said Wednesday he can live with the role, but he doesn't have to like it.

"That's their decision, it ain't mine," McGhee said after practice. "That's all I can say about that. I'm not worried about it. My time will come. . . . Only one person can start, and unfortunately he's the one that's starting."

And it's not enough that McGhee will get playing time in third-down situations.

"What, third down?" McGhee said. "That's the good enough for now. But you know, you always want to be better, and that's what I'm going to do."

It came as no surprise when coach Mike Mularkey announced he's sticking with Henry, the incumbent, heading into the team's opener against Jacksonville on Sunday.

Travis is the starting running back," Mularkey said. "If he needs a blow, Willis is there in the wings and, hopefully, there's not a dropoff in level of play."

Bills De Schobel extends deal

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Defensive end Aaron Schobel signed a five-year contract extension Wednesday, allowing the Buffalo Bills to secure their star pass rusher.

The contract, believed to be worth about \$23 million — including a \$6.75 million signing bonus — locks him up through the 2009 season.

A second-round pick in the 2001 draft, Schobel was entering the fourth and final year of his rookie contract, which paid him an average of \$711,000 a season.

Schobel was pleased to complete the contract because it allows him to focus on his season and not worry about whether he'll become a free agent after this season.

"Of course, I always want to make more. But if I would've known I'd be making this after three years, I'm so happy," Schobel said.

"Maybe I left something on the table. Maybe I didn't. It's over with and I'm happy."

Schobel is coming off his best season in which he had 11½ sacks, becoming only the fifth player to have a 10-sack season. He's led the team in sacks in each of his three seasons, in which he started 43 of 48 games.



Roger Federer hits a return against Andre Agassi during their U.S. Open quarterfinal Thursday in New York. Federer beat Agassi 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3. The match had been suspended Wednesday because of rain.

Top seed Federer eliminates Agassi in U.S. Open quarters

By BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Federer posted a huge victory in the howling wind, beating two-time champion Andre Agassi 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 Thursday in a U.S. Open quarterfinal match suspended the previous night because of rain.

Playing in gusts up to 39 mph that made the ball sail in silly fashion, the top-seeded Federer advanced to the Open semifinals for the first time.

"It was very difficult. It was one of the worst conditions I've played in," Federer said. "It's like playing warmup tennis and trying to keep the ball in play."

Serving was especially tough. "Such strong winds I couldn't even toss my ball right," Federer said. "I had to kind of toss it behind me so it would come forward and hope that it would land in the right spot. That's how extreme it is."

Next up for the Wimbledon and Australian Open winner is No. 5 Tim Henman, who defeated Dominik Hrbaty 6-1, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2. That match also began Wednesday night, and was stopped with Henman trailing in the third set.

Lleyton Hewitt swept Tommy Haas 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. Defending champion Andy Roddick was scheduled to take on Joachim Johansson in the night session.

After an early 45-minute rain delay at the National Tennis Center, Agassi and Federer took over at Arthur Ashe Stadium — and the weather took over at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"Wind like this, everybody can stay home and flip coins," Agassi said.

In fact, almost every shot became a 50-50 proposition. One of Federer's lobbs got caught in a gust and floated funny into the sideline seats, and even routine returns curved crazily.

Both players paused for time before serving, and then sometimes had to hold up when their tosses blew off-course. The net also puffed out — Agassi said the wires were mostly blowing in one direction out there.

"Nobody likes the wind. The question is if you like it more or less than your opponent," Agassi said. "I've always played pretty well in the wind."

"It's taken me 34 years to get myself not to complain about the conditions. It was about me dealing with it the best I can," he said. "Today, hitting the ball dead center of the court was a great shot. If the ball left my racket and was in play, it was my advantage."

The 23-year-old Federer kept up his bid to become the first man to win three Grand Slam titles in a season since Mats Wilander in 1988. He has lost six of eight matches against Henman, who is trying to win his first major championship.

Davenport, Capriati headline women's semifinal matches

By HAL BOCK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — No. 1 gone. So is No. 2. The French Open champion and the Wimbledon champion left days ago and the Williams sisters were done soon after that.

Still, the U.S. Open has some headline players set for Friday's women's semifinal matches, with the No. 1 ranking hanging on the outcome.

No. 5 Lindsay Davenport faces No. 9 Svetlana Kuznetsova, and No. 8 Jennifer Capriati plays No. 6 Elena Dementieva with the winners advancing to Saturday night's final.

They are the survivors after defending champion Justine Henin-Hardenne, No. 2 Amelie Mauresmo, No. 3 Serena Williams, French Open champion Anastasia Myskina and Wimbledon winner Maria Sharapova all bowed out of the tournament.

This is the first time in the Open Era that none of the top four women's seeds have made it to the semifinals of the U.S. Open.

Still the matchups offer considerable intrigue, especially for Davenport, seeking her second U.S. Open championship.

Kuznetsova, Dementieva and Capriati have never played for the U.S. Open title. The stakes are highest, however, for Davenport, the 1998 winner, who arrived at the season's final Grand Slam event as the hottest player on the women's tour with four straight hardcourt tournament victories.

She has won 22 consecutive matches and if she wins this event, she will claim the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis.

If Davenport loses to either Kuznetsova or in the final, then the top spot goes to No. 2 Amelie Mauresmo, who lost in the quarterfinals to Dementieva and has never won a Grand Slam tournament.

Class AA rivals are mismatched in Michigan, Texas heavy favorites

By RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

While Florida State and Miami appear to be headed toward another close contest, two of college football's other storied rivalries look like mismatches.

Notre Dame and Michigan meet for the 32nd time Saturday, and Texas plays at Arkansas in the 35th anniversary of their most memorable game.

The eighth-ranked Wolverines are 13½-point favorites at Notre Bend against a disheartening loss to BYU.

The seventh-ranked Longhorns are also double-digit favorites on the road, facing an Arkansas squad that looks very little like the one that snapped Texas' 20-game home winning streak last season with a 38-21 victory. Quarterback Matt Jones is the only returning offensive starter for Arkansas.

"We're a different team now with a lot of younger guys and I don't know how much they know about Texas," coach Houston Nutt said. "Our younger guys probably don't understand that tradition of Arkansas-Texas."

In 1969, Texas was No. 1 and Arkansas No. 2 when they met in Fayetteville for the "Big Boat-out." President Nixon came to the game and declared Texas national champions after the Longhorns' 14-14 victory. The memory still riles some Razorbacks.

As for Notre Dame, the Irish went out of their way to get a game in before Michigan came to town. The plan went awry. They lost to BYU, 20-17, in another amateur offensive outing under coach Tyrone Willingham.

"There's not one of them I'm more important when you look at it, but at the same time, you know where your big games are," Willingham said. "That's something that just comes naturally."

Notre Dame has lost 10 of its last 15 games, including 38-0 to Michigan last season.

THURSDAY

No. 19 Missouri (minus 10½) at Troy State: The other Trojans are coming off impressive win over Marshall. **MISSOURI 34-14.**

FRIDAY

No. 4 Florida State (plus 2) at No. 5 Miami: With some time to think about it, the pick's the same. **FLORIDA STATE 23-20.**

SATURDAY

Colorado State (plus 24) at No. 1 Southern California: Trojans had two weeks to hear how unimpressive they were in opener ... **USC 45-17.**

Oklahoma Sooners have won eight straight against Texas schools — most better than Cougars ... **OKLAHOMA 58-20.** Georgia Tech (minus 8) at South Carolina: Bulldogs are 12-1 on the road with QB David Greene ... **GEORGIA 24-17.**

College picks

Arkansas State (plus 41) at No. 6 LSU: No missed kicks necessary for Tigers ... **LSU 54-10.**

No. 7 Texas (minus 11) at Arkansas: Longhorns were irked by Hogs strutting around Royal Memorial Stadium last season ... **TEXAS 31-13.**

No. 8 Michigan (minus 13) at Notre Dame: Irish have won last two against Michigan in South Bend ... **MICHIGAN 30-13.**

No. 9 Ohio State: Zwick or Buckey at QB? It hardly matters — Smiths win with defense ... **OHIO STATE 24-13.**

No. 10 West Virginia (minus 20) at UCF: Jay-Jay Harris ran for 337 last week and may even get to start this week ... **WEST VIRGINIA 44-17.**

Eastern Michigan (plus 37½) at No. 11 Florida: Hurricane Frances gave Gators an extra week off ... **FLORIDA 52-10.** New Mexico State (minus 32) at No. 12 California: Golden Bears go for two straight 50-pointers ... **CALIFORNIA 49-13.**

Fresno State (plus 13) at No. 13 Kansas State: Bulldog big chance ... **FRESNO STATE 22-19.** North Carolina (plus 20½) at No. 14 Virginia: The Techs struggled against William & Mary ... **VIRGINIA 44-13.**

Iowa State (plus 24½) at No. 16 Iowa: Iowa State is the Hawkeyes fifth starting QB in last five years ... **IOWA 37-9.**

No. 17 Utah (minus 13) at Arizona: Mike Moops has the Wildcats come to show if the Wildcats are better ... **UTAH 34-17.**

No. 18 Auburn (minus 13) at Mississippi State: The Tigers have won the last two meetings by average of 30 points ... **AUBURN 38-14.**

Georgia Tech (plus 7) at No. 20 Clemson: Tigers improved to 4-0 over the overtime loss last week ... **CLEMSON 28-24.**

UNLV (plus 15) at No. 21 Wisconsin: Rebels upset the Badgers in Campbell last year. Not again ... **WISCONSIN 36-17.**

Illinois State (no line) at Minnesota: Gophers go for a second straight 60-point ... **MINNESOTA 55-7.**

Temple (plus 27) at No. 23 Maryland: Owls have lost 18 straight against Top 25 teams, league ... **MARYLAND 35-14.**

Indiana (plus 20) at No. 24 Oregon: Ducks and Hoosiers haven't played since 1964 ... **OREGON 35-17.**

Ball State (plus 30) at No. 25 Purdue: Cardinals give Boiler-makers better game than Syracuse did ... **PURDUE 38-14.** Georgia Tech (minus 8) at South Carolina: Bulldogs are 12-1 on the road with QB David Greene ... **GEORGIA 24-17.**

DODDS-Pacific volleyball teams, players to watch

CLASS AA

■ **Guam High Panthers** started strong, winning four of first six matches, before re-jumping senior setter **Shella Maitia** and junior **Sarah Bushong**. Coach Ed Paz's ranks are bolstered by new outside hitter **China Braun** and defensive specialist **Maryann Riano**. Very promising squad.

■ **Kadena Panthers, Okinawa:** Entire starting lineup graduated and coaches **Rachelle Smith** and **Fred Hicks** transferred. Seniors **Yumi Eikelbosch** and **Shonta Smith** and junior **Railey Paschall** are left from team that posted its best-ever Far East finish, third place. New coach **Jim Lewis** ordered Navy lefter with six years of coaching experience and four high school transfers in from New Mexico.

■ **Kubasaki Dragons, Okinawa:** Coach **Tom Cumley's** cupboard was graduated of all experienced middle blockers, **Maria Scholz**, **Naomi Gorman** and **Christine Sealey**, by graduation. Only three players, senior **Naomi Gorman** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Southern American Trojans:** Started strong, 19 returns, four of them starters, senior **Erin Forde**, junior **Michelle Smith**, senior **Chloe Chai**, junior middle blocker **Christine Pugh** and junior setter **Kimberly Lee**. Middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** were the only transfer players. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Yokota Panthers, Okinawa:** Strong core of seniors, including **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**. All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** was the only transfer player. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Zama American Trojans, Japan:** Youthful team, including **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**. All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** was the only transfer player. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Nile C. Kinicki Red Devils, Japan:** New coach, **Henry Hall**, inherits team that lost to the **Yokota Panthers**, **Carol Fally** (graduation) and **Allan Glick** (transfer). Three returners, **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**. All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** was the only transfer player. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Robert E. Edgren Eagles, Japan:** Edgren posted his best-ever Far East finish, seventh, a year ago but the middle blocking led to his departure. **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**. All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** was the only transfer player. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Osan American Cougars, South Korea:** Coach **Brian Swartz's** charges improved for re-trying to win the Far East title. Seniors **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**. All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** was the only transfer player. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Taegu American Warriors, South Korea:** Another experienced lot, including **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**. All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** was the only transfer player. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Pusan American Panthers, South Korea:** Another experienced lot, including **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**. All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** was the only transfer player. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Matthew C. Perry, Japan:** Samurai welcome new coach **Tom Herman** from Florida, with **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**. All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** was the only transfer player. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **E.J. King Cobras, Japan:** Often short on talent, the Cobras have been a disappointment, but with experience and heart; senior **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**. All-League and All-Far East senior **Jo Bruce** was the only transfer player. Coach **David Smith** replaced departed middle blockers **Shirley Crawford**, **Joanna Maitia** and junior **Rachel Roberts**, return.

■ **Robert Brown's, Japan:** On a train for a huge upset against the 10th-ranked Americans.

After three minutes of injury

DODDS team often get stuck in middle

Far East girls volleyball dominated by teams that can hit and block

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

The rise and fall of a Department of Defense Dependents Schools volleyball team can be quick and precipitous.

Take last year's Far East Class A volleyball tournament Cindersella story.

Playing at home, the Kadena Panthers bulldozed their way to the semifinals.

Only a four-set loss to eventual champion Academy of Our Lady of Guam kept the Panthers from becoming the fifth DODDS-Pacific squad to reach the finals, leaving them in third place.

But then all six starters graduated or transferred. Only three Panthers, two with Far East experience, return. Even coach **Rachelle Smith** left.

Rebuilding year? Not in the eyes of new coach **Jim Lewis**, a retired Navy lieutenant who transferred in from Rio Rancho, N.M., who has coached high school ball for four years and Navy ball for six.

"At this level, if they're motivated and have the desire to play, the only thing that will stop them is themselves," Lewis said. "If they want to play, they'll play. My job is to get them to want to."

Lewis' "go-do-it" attitude inspired the team to an awful lot of success. Not only is Kadena's cupboard bare compared to last year, but, in general, DODDS-Pacific teams have had difficulty building consistent winners.

Just two DODDS-Pacific schools, Zama American in Japan and Osan American in Korea, ever have won a Class AA or Class A tournament. The tournament titles long have been the property of Guam schools (12 titles) and Tokyo international schools (nine), which are able to keep and develop players.

"Maybe not so much the physical skills but what picks them up after they've been together, the experience of being a team player, knowing what's expected of the people beside them," said athlete **Michelle Smith**, Sealey of Yokota High in Japan.

"And DODDS doesn't have the middle-school program. Some of our JV players come in with no skills at all while some of those other schools' players have been

together since middle school," Sealey said.

"Every year is a rebuilding year," senior setter **Erin Forde** of Okinawa's Kubasaki Dragons said.

Yumi Hilgar, who's coached Seoul American for 24 years, runs a jambo-jest-type program for prospective prep players in March "but it's a crashpout as to how many will be with you in the high school years," she said.

You think you can't count on somebody, and then find out, oops, the family left," said Hilgar, who must overcome the loss of good hitters, **Yumi Hilgar** and two middle blockers.

What does Kubasaki coach **Terry Chumley** do, for example, to replace the loss of **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey**, middle blocker **Michelle Smith** and setter **Kimberly Lee**?

Chumley says he'll look for top three hitters, **Shanon Shum**, **Maria Bartz** and **Christine Sealey**, and a setter.

What does he use of the talent that you have, and you don't worry about what you don't have," she said. "If you have a strong defense and a couple of good hitters, you go with it."

Just a handful of DODDS teams have kept their talent base together.

Sealey, an American in Korea boasts the Pacific's tallest player, 6-foot-4 junior **Margaret Nure**, and the jokers are aiming to return to the Okinawa's **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey** and **Shawn Vitbar** along with junior **Kelli Cox**, might challenge her.

Out of the ashes of a 15th-place Class AA finish, Yokota's Panthers carry a solid talent base in **Michelle Smith**, **Joanna Maitia**, **Christine Sealey** and **Shawn Vitbar** along with strong newcomers.

"I'm excited. I think we have a lot of potential," Sealey said, adding that this Yokota team could equal or better the one that finished fifth in the 2001 tournament. "Comparing this group to others in the past, this team is as good, if not better than any in my six years here."

Others go about the business of retooling, such as Kadena, even if Lewis insists that "I don't consider anything rebuilding."

But Lewis' Sealey of Yokota High in Japan.

"And DODDS doesn't have the middle-school program. Some of our JV players come in with no skills at all while some of those other schools' players have been

salvaged a tie on the road with a late goal by a second-half substitute — **Brian Ching** scored in the 89th minute of the second round at Jamaica on Aug. 18.

The Americans (1-0-2) led Group A with five points, one ahead of Panama (1-1-1). El Salvador (1-1) played Jamaica (0-1-1) later Wednesday.

The top two nations in each of the four groups will advance to next year's regional finals, and the United States has three games remaining.

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Cobi Jones scored two minutes into second-half injury time, and the United States escaped with a 1-0 victory over Panama in the World Cup qualifier on Wednesday night.

Robert Brown's goal in the 69th minute had put the United States on a train for a huge upset against the 10th-ranked Americans.

After three minutes of injury

time had been signaled, Eddie Lewis lofted the ball and it bounced off a Panamanian player who had challenged **Brian McBride**. On the way to **Landon Donovan** turned and missed the ball, which sliced to Jones.

Jones, who might have been in an odd position, then beat goalkeeper **Donald Gordon** from 8 yards for his 15th goal in 163 international appearances. It was the second time the United States

Goal in injury time lifts Americans to tie

Championship a celebration of league's successful season

BY DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

Commissioner Kyle Rhodus and the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League have more to celebrate Saturday than playing the championship game between the Misawa Marauders and the fourth-defending champion Yokosuka Seahawks.

Rhodus and league coaches are calling this the most successful season in the circuit's five-year history.

"I think it was awesome," said Rhodus, who might understandably have felt apprehensive this season, his first on the job.

Yokosuka's Morita, Welfare and Recreation athletic director, elected USFJ-AFL commissioner by league vote in January, inherited a league that lost its three-team Okinawa contingent and had 32 games canceled the past four seasons, including the 2001 and 2003 championship games.

With four teams, the league thrived this season. No games were called off.

"Even more important than not having a cancellation was the competitiveness on the field," Rhodus said. Yokosuka, Misawa and Yokota tied for first and the top three playoff seeds were decided by points tiebreaker.

"To have the top three finish tied for first in the regular season and the way it happened was just awesome," Rhodus said. "Over-time games, last-minute plays that decided games, I'm pleased with the season and I'm pleased with the teams and the players."

The season culminates with Saturday's clash, a rematch of the 2002 championship game which Yokosuka won 16-6 over Misawa.

USFJ-AFL

Saturday's game coincides with the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. A pregame ceremony includes a moment of silence to remember the victims and those who've been killed in the war on terror. Yokosuka Naval Base commander Capt. King Dietrich will toss the coin at midfield.

Right down to the last-place Atsugi White Dolphins, who played weekly with a shorthanded crew, Rhodus and coaches heaped praise on all involved in the league this season.

"It's nice to play for the championship," Seahawks coach Isaac Lee said. "But you wouldn't have a championship to play for if it weren't for the league."

For Atsugi coach Ray Shabazz to hold the team together as he did is a tribute, Lee said. The 12 points in a 24-12 loss to Yokosuka in the fifth week of the season was the most Atsugi scored in a game this season.

"I saw a bunch of people coming together," Lee said of the White Dolphins. "They hung a couple of touchdowns on us. He was able to do some things. To go out and give it to you like that for four quarters, I think it speaks for itself. You'd have to give him coach of the year."

The Seahawks face their own toughest test Saturday in the shape of a Marauders team that beat them 27-6 on July 17 at Misawa Air Base, then fell 18-12 two weeks later at Ikego Heights Naval Housing Facility — in four overtimes.

Yokosuka picks up a handful of

players who've been at sea with the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk battle group. But Lee said that makes little difference in a championship contest.

"You can throw everything out," he said. "It's going to be a slugfest. No finesse, no trickery, this is mano-a-mano. Put a hat on somebody, blocking and tackling, the way I love to see football played."

Their main job likely will be stopping speedy, shifty Misawa running back James Coleman, the league's leading rusher with 1,044 yards on 153 carries. "He's been running over people," Lee said.

Assistant coach Thomas Mangan said the Marauders, who've lost to the Seahawks five of the last seven times they've played, including all three meetings in 2002, have some long memories of those frustrations.

"We still have some players from [2002] who have a really bitter taste in their mouths from that," Mangan said. "A handful of the first-year players haven't been able to get over that four-overtime loss."

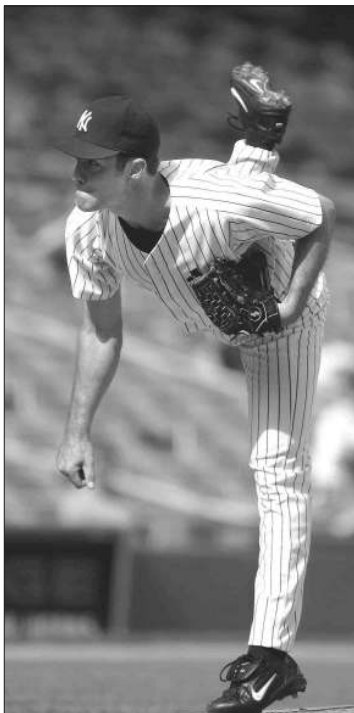
And it's been 19 years since any Misawa football team has won even a share of a championship: The Misawa Jets shared the 1985 crown with Yokota in the old USFJ league.

"Misawa's looking to make history," Mangan said.

"It's been a good season, an interesting season and the best is yet to come," Lee said.

"We'll have to wait and see how competitive the game is," Rhodus added. "But I don't think we could have asked for a better ending to the season."

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New York's Mike Mussina follows through on a pitch on the way to beating Tampa Bay in the opener of a doubleheader on Thursday.

Surging: Hudson struggles against Sox

SURGING, FROM BACK PAGE

Hudson (11-5) had his season-high, four-start winning streak end in frustrating fashion. He began the game with three full-count walks — he hadn't allowed more than two in a game since coming off the disabled list with a strained stomach muscle on Aug. 7.

"I just didn't make any pitches," Hudson said. "They were patient with me and I was missing early... We're just setting them up for the playoffs — make them think I'm terrible."

It took him 26 pitches to get his first out and 38 to finish the inning. He matched his season high with four walks in the first inning. He even plunked Jason Varitek in the right knee leading off the third.

Manager Ken Macha said before the Hudson "is the guy who can go out there and absolutely dominate."

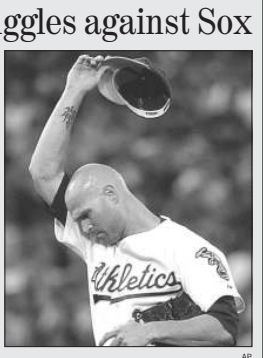
That wasn't true this time.

The Red Sox reached base 15 times the first three innings, and Hudson put on a jacket and quickly escaped to the clubhouse after the third. Chris Hammond came out to start the fourth.

Hudson also lost his lone out meeting with the Red Sox this season, allowing five earned runs in four innings May 25 at Fenway Park in a 12-2 A's loss.

"I think that's twice," Boston closer Keith Foulke said of Hudson's struggles against the Sox. "I've seen that guy pitch and I've never seen that happen."

Varitek's RBI single in the first extended his season-best hitting streak to 14 games. Damon hit an



A lack of control and the Boston Red Sox brought Oakland Athletics pitcher Tim Lincecum's four-start winning streak to an end Wednesday night.

RBI single in the Red Sox's three-run third to give him an 11-game hitting streak.

Bobby Kielty hit a two-run double in the eighth for Oakland.

Mussina, Yankees defeat Devil Rays

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The rain stayed away — and so did the fans — but the runs came early Thursday for the New York Yankees.

The Yankees scored five times in the first two innings, Mike Mussina pitched eight innings for his first victory in more than 10 weeks and New York beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 9-1 in the first game of a doubleheader.

Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui each drove in two runs for the Yankees, who have won four in a row and entered the day two games ahead of Boston in the AL East. The Red Sox played at Seattle late Thursday night.

With the threat of heavy rain in the forecast and a mid-afternoon start time, only a few hundred fans were in the stands when the

doubleheader started. A nearly empty Yankee Stadium more resembled a Montreal Expos home game with the fans' individual cheers and shouts clearly audible — as well as each crack of the bat.

The teams played two games because Wednesday's doubleheader was rained out. The first game Wednesday was supposed to be a makeup of Monday's doubleheader that was changed to one night game when the Devil Rays were unable to get to New York in time for Game 1 because of Hurricane Frances.

Mussina (10-9) allowed one run, four hits, struck out one and walked none to win for the first time since June 27. He had lost five straight decisions, the longest slump of his career.

The Devil Rays have lost a season-high 10 straight, their longest skid since they lost 15 in a row from April 25-May 10, 2002.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	52	.626	
Boston	79	59	.571	2 1/2
Baltimore	66	74	.464	22 1/2
Tampa Bay	58	78	.431	27
Toronto	58	81	.414	29

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	79	60	.568	
Chicago	68	68	.500	1 1/2
Cleveland	69	71	.493	10 1/2
Detroit	66	66	.500	14 1/2
Seattle	50	89	.360	24

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	58	58	.500	
Anaheim	79	59	.571	1 1/2
Los Angeles	70	60	.538	3 1/2
Seattle	51	67	.370	29 1/2

Wednesday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 2 p.p.d., rain				
Los Angeles at Baltimore, 7 p.m.				
Kansas City at Detroit, p.p.d., rain				

Thursday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City @ Detroit, 1st game				
Detroit @ Kansas City, 2nd game				
N.Y. Yankees @ Tampa Bay, 1st game				

Friday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay @ N.Y. Yankees, 2nd game				
Cleveland @ Seattle, 7 p.m.				
Toronto at Seattle				

Saturday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland at Oakland				
Los Angeles at Kansas City				
Toronto at Anaheim				

Sunday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota (GVA vs. Yankees) (13-10) at Baltimore (10-10)				
Tampa Bay (Kazmir-11) at Kansas City (Wood-2)				

Monday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland (Schilling-18-6) at Seattle (Franklin-3-14)				
Cleveland (Ellis-18-4) at Oakland (Muller-17-4)				

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Waller	4	1	1	0	1
Hafner	4	2	2	0	3
Bresn	4	0	1	0	1
Griff	5	1	2	0	1
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TOTALS	ab	r	b	e	r
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Mariners	35	5	10	0	5

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National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	81	57	.587	
San Diego	67	63	.515	7 1/2
Philadelphia	70	69	.504	11 1/2
St. Louis	67	78	.463	20 1/2
Montreal	59	80	.424	22 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	74	66	.526	
Chicago	67	73	.479	1 1/2
San Diego	67	74	.476	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	63	75	.452	2 1/2
San Diego	67	73	.479	2 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	80	58	.580	
Los Angeles	77	64	.546	4 1/2
San Diego	74	65	.530	6 1/2
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Wednesday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego @ St. Louis, 5 p.m.				
Los Angeles @ Philadelphia, 4 p.m.				

Thursday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
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Los Angeles @ Philadelphia, 4 p.m.				

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Kansas City's Joe Randa had reason to smile on Thursday after getting six hits and tying a major league record by scoring six runs in the Royals' 26-5 mauling of Detroit in the first game of a doubleheader. Detroit bounced back to gain a split with a 8-0 victory in the second game.

One for the books

K.C. sets runs record in opener; Detroit wins nightcap

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Kansas City Royals set a team record for runs in a doubleheader Thursday. Unfortunately for them, they did it all in the first game.

The Royals set numerous records in a 26-5 first-game rout of the Detroit Tigers, but had no offense left in an 8-0 Game 2 loss.

Joe Randa led the Royals in the first game, going 6-for-7 and tying a major league record by scoring six times. He had five singles and a double. He wasn't in the lineup for the second game.

"He's awfully tired from running the bases," Royals manager Tony Pena cracked between games.

Jeremy Bonderman (9-11) shut down the Royals in the nightcap, allowing six hits in eight innings. Kansas City only got one runner into scoring position against the 21-year-old, who struck out nine.

Randa also had two RBIs in the first game when the Royals matched an American League record by putting 13 straight runners on base in an 11-run third inning. It was the most runs allowed by the Tigers in a nine-inning game. Detroit twice had allowed 24. Randa also became the first AL player with six hits and six runs in a nine-inning game.

The Royals had 26 hits against five pitchers. Angel Berroa had a three-run homer and five RBIs. Alberto Castillo drove in four.

Zack Greinke (8-9) won it, allowing three runs in five innings.

Jason Johnson (8-13) dropped to 0-5 in his last seven starts, allowing 11 runs — nine earned — in 2 1/3 innings.

Kevin Seitzer was the last Kansas City player with six hits in a game, on Aug. 2, 1987, and Los Angeles' Shawn Green was the last major leaguer to score six runs, on May 23, 2002. Green also had six hits in that game.

AL Roundup

The previous Royals' record for runs was 23, against Minnesota on April 6, 1974. The major league record for a nine-inning game is 29 by the Boston Red Sox against St. Louis on June 8, 1950. The mark was tied by the Chicago White Sox against Kansas City on April 23, 1955.

It was the most runs scored in a major league game since Texas beat Baltimore 26-7 on April 19, 1996.

Kansas City led 6-2 after two innings, then put the game away in the third with one of its biggest innings.

Matt Stairs led off with a groundout, but the next 13 batters combined for three walks, two doubles and eight singles against three pitchers.

By the time Ruben Gotay popped out to end the streak, the Royals had scored 11 runs, one short of a team record, and led 17-2. All nine Royals scored at least once in the inning.

Ivan Rodriguez, who left the opener in the third inning, gave the Tigers a quick start in the second game with a two-run double in the first inning.

Craig Monroe, who homered in the first game, had a sacrifice fly later in the inning, then made it 6-0 with a three-run home run in the third. Monroe has hit in 22 of his last 23 games, including 12 homers.

In Wednesday's AL games:

Twins 9, Orioles 0: Johan Santana (17-6) pitched seven innings of five-hit ball for visiting Minnesota, striking out nine without a walk, leaving with a 9-0 lead. Santana (17-6) struck out nine and walked none before leaving

with a 9-0 lead. He's unbeaten in 11 starts since July 11 and has a 1.38 ERA since the All-Star break.

David Segui and Miguel Tejada both had two hits for the Orioles, who didn't have a baserunner until the fifth inning. By then, it was way too late for Baltimore. Steve LeCroy homered in a seven-run second inning for Minnesota, which reached double figures in hits (12) for the first time in seven games.

White Sox 5, Rangers 2: Carlos Lee hit a tiebreaking RBI single in visiting Chicago's four-run sixth and Freddy Garcia (11-10) pitched five innings in his first start in over two weeks.

Ben Davis homered and Timo Perez hit a two-run double for the White Sox, who have won five of six but remain 8 1/2 games out of first-place Minnesota in the AL Central.

Blue Jays 1, Angels 0: Justin Miller (3-3) allowed two hits over eight innings to outpitch Kelvin Escobar and led visiting Toronto over the Angels.

Escobar (9-10) allowed a run and five hits in eight innings and set a career high with 12 strikeouts, pushing his season total to a career-best 162.

Indians 9, Mariners 5: Ronnie Belliard hit a two-run homer in the fourth for visiting Cleveland.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 1-for-5 to extend his hitting streak to 13 games and won with a 3-0 lead. George Soto's major league season record of 257 hits. Suzuki has 24 games left to reach the mark, set in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns.

Edgar Martinez hit two homers and Bret Boone and Greg Dobbs one each for Seattle, which lost its seventh straight. Dobbs' homer came in his first major league at-bat, the first Mariners player to accomplish the feat.

Streaks come to an end for Mets and Marlins

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Kris Benson took a shutout into the seventh inning, Eric Valent homered and the New York Mets ended three streaks Thursday by beating the Florida Marlins 4-0.

The Mets snapped an 11-game losing streak while stopping the Marlins' franchise record-tying nine-game winning streak. New York also ended a run of 10 consecutive losses to Florida.

Benson (11-11), who skipped his last turn with a sore shoulder, limited Florida to five hits and a walk in six-plus innings. He improved to 3-3 since joining New York, with an ERA of 6.43.

The Marlins had three extra-base hits and put their lead-off batter on base four times, but stranded four runners in scoring position.

New York totaled 11 hits even with Mike Piazza and Cliff Floyd taking the day off. Valent, who started for the slumping Floyd, hit his 11th home run in the fifth to make it 2-0 against Imael Valdez (12-8).

NL Roundup

With the area recovering from Hurricane Frances and bracing for Hurricane Ivan, announced attendance was 13,102, but the actual crowd on a sunny, 87-degree afternoon numbered perhaps 4,000.

New York took a lead for the first time in 60 innings when Mike Cameron doubled in the second and scored on a single by Jason Phillips.

Wilson Delgado doubled home a run in the seventh. David Weathers, signed Wednesday by Florida, gave up a run in the eighth when David Wright tripled and Richard Hidalgo singled him home.

In Wednesday's NL games:

Phillies 5-4, Braves 3-1: Rookie Gavin Floyd and five relievers combined on a three-hitter as Philadelphia completed the first doubleheader sweep by an oppo-

nent at Atlanta since San Diego took two on Aug. 7, 1990.

Amaru Telemaco, Todd Jones (9-5), Felix Rodriguez, Rhee Cormier and Tim Lincecum each pitched an inning in the second game, with Worrell getting his 18th save. Paul Byrd (6-5) gave up two runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings.

In the opener, Jim Thome hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the eighth to reach 40 homers for the first time in his career.

Ryan Madson (8-2) won the opener in relief of Vincente Padilla and Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 17th save. Chris Reusma (6-4) was the loser.

Giants 5, Rockies 3: Edgaro Alfonzo went 3-for-5 with a homer, Deivi Cruz hit a two-run double in San Francisco's four-run eighth and Marquis Grissom had three doubles as the visiting Giants won for the fourth time in five games.

Bruce Bonds, with 698 homers, went 1-for-3 and walked once to move within one of the record of 198 he set two years ago.

Tyler Walker (5-1) pitched the seventh and Dustin Hermanson got three outs for his 11th save.

Steve Reed (3-5) was the loser.

Expos 6, Cubs 0: Scott Downs (3-5) threw a five-hitter for his first career shutout to beat Greg Maddux (13-9), who allowed five runs — two earned — and five hits in 7 1/3 innings and remained at 302 victories.

Termel Sledge homered for the new Expos, who won twice in the three-game series. Chicago has lost six of nine.

Marlins 3, Mets 0: Josh Beckett (7-8) allowed four hits in eight innings and blanked New York for his second start in a row to send host Florida to its ninth consecutive victory, tying a team record. Paul Du Luca hit a two-run homer for Florida.

Armando Benitez pitched a perfect ninth for his NL-leading 41st save, 11 of which have come against the Mets, his former team. Jae Seo (4-9) took the loss.

Padres 10, Cardinals 5: Phil

Nevin and Ryan Klesko homered and David Wells (10-7) allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings and drove in two runs.

Matt Morris (15-9) allowed seven runs and five hits in two-plus innings for host San Diego, which trails Houston by two games in the wild-card race.

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 5: Steve Finley dropped the winning run in the ninth off Mike Kopeck (3-4) as host Los Angeles maintained a 4 1/2-game lead in the NL West. Steven L. Dymally in Gagne (6-3) retired the side in the ninth.

Arizona (42-97) lost its sixth straight and dropped 55 games below 500 for the first time in franchise history.

Brewers-Pirates, cancelled: The Milwaukee-Pittsburgh game was cancelled by a day's rain, courtesy of the remains of Hurricane Frances. The game was cancelled and won't be made up. The Cubs are out of playoff contention.

Pittsburgh won the season series 12-6.

SPORTS

Peak performance



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Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez works against the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday in Oakland, Calif. Martinez improved to 5-1 with a 1.25 ERA in seven starts at Oakland after the Red Sox defeated the A's 8-3 to complete a three-game sweep and gain their fourth victory in a row.

After completing sweep of A's, Red Sox feeling invincible

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Boston Red Sox want to start the playoffs right now.

They feel unbeatable, ready to take on anybody.

"This is what everyone's been waiting for all year, to be playing like this," center fielder Johnny Damon said. "And we see no signs of slowing down. . . . It shows that we're real. It shows everyone we're peaking at the right time — pitchers, hitters, defense."

No one would argue.

Boston played superbly in a three-game sweep of the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics, a series that concluded with a convincing 8-3 win Wednesday night. It was the fourth straight victory for the Red Sox and 14th in 15 games. They're 26-5 in their last 31, including an 8-1 stretch against AL West foes Anaheim, Texas and Oakland in the past three series.

Pedro Martinez hardly had to outpitch Tim

Hudson because Oakland's All-Star right-hander staked Boston to a huge lead himself.

Martinez pitched six innings of two-hit ball to win his third straight start.

"I don't think about Hudson. I think about my team and how hard they're going to make it for him," Martinez said. "We're ready to play anybody at any time right now. We're hot and we're rolling. Anybody who stands in front of us will have a hard time."

Boston pulled within two games in the AL East of the first-place New York Yankees for the first time since June 3. New York's doubleheader against Tampa Bay was postponed because of rain.

Despite their first four-game losing streak since early July, the AL West-leading A's maintained a 1½-game lead over the Anaheim Angels, who lost 1-0 at home to Toronto.

Martinez (16-5) improved to 5-1 with a 1.25 ERA in seven regular-season starts in the Coliseum, and Hudson lost for the first time in 10

home starts this year. He lasted only three innings, allowing seven runs, six hits and a season-high five walks.

David Ortiz hit a two-run single in the first for Boston, 8-1 this year against Oakland, the team it beat in last season's division series.

The Red Sox again showed their improved defense: First baseman Doug Mientkiewicz made an impressive backhanded diving catch in foul territory, then in the third he flipped the ball to Martinez for an out on Adam Melhuse's sharp grounder.

Twice, Martinez retired seven straight batters and he hasn't allowed a run in 16 innings. The win was his 117th with the Red Sox, tying him with Smokey Joe Wood for fifth in club history.

He's confident in Boston's chances if there's another first-round meeting with the A's.

"They got us two games to nothing and we came back and beat them, so get used to it," he said of the 2003 division series.

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